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June 8



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Persian Gulf January 17 - February 28, 1991

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aggressor. You have trained hard for this battle and you are ready. During my visits with you, I have seen in your eyes a fire of determination to get this job done quickly so that we may all return to the shores of our great nation. My confidence in you is total. Our cause is just. Now you must be the thunder and lightning of Desert Storm. May God be with you, your loved ones at home, and your country.

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Commander of Allied Forces



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Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf, accompanied by wife Brenda, enters Tampa stadium May 5 during the U.S. Central Command homecoming celebration.

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Desert Storm Displays

From 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, the military equipment that won the war will be on display at the Federal Mall near the Smithsonian buildings. The display will also be open Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Armed Forces Wreath Ceremony

At 8:45 a.m. Saturday, the President will lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns, Arlington National Cemetery, in honor of those who died in Desert Storm. Access is limited, standing room only.

Memorial Service

At 9 a.m. Saturday, immediately following the wreath-laying, a memorial service will be held at the amphitheatre, Arlington National Cemetery. The U.S. Air Force Band and Singing Sergeants will participate in the service, and a joint-service flyover will assume the missing man formation. Seating is limited and free tickets are required.

Campaign Streamer

At 11:30 a.m. Saturday, on the corner of 16th and Constitution Ave., N.E., President Bush will present a Desert Storm battle streamer for the flag of each military service.

Victory Parade

At 11:30 a.m. Saturday, elements of every major unit participating in "Operation Desert Storm" will begin marching through Washington, D.C. The parade will begin at the corner of 7th Street and Constitution Ave., proceed down Constitution, cross the Arlington Memorial Bridge and end at the Pentagon's north parking lot.

Victory Picnic

From 2 to 6 p.m., an all-American picnic will be held at the White House Ellipse for parade participants and their families. Entertainment will include the U.S. Army Blues, U.S. Navy Country Current and the U.S. Air Force "Airmen of Note."

USO Show

From 7 to 9 p.m., the United Services Organization will sponsor a show on the Federal Mall with performances by Hollywood entertainers.

Fireworks Extravaganza

At 9 p.m., a fireworks display on the federal Mall will be the grand finale for the day of celebration.

On the Cover

The illustration on the cover was painted by Chris Hopkins, an award-winning artist known for his striking landscape paintings and for his NFL Superbowl images. At the conclusion of Operation Desert Storm, Hopkins felt inspired to create a commemorative piece which would capture the "emotion and determination" of the men and women who served in the Persian Gulf. Lithographic reproductions of his print are being marketed by Timbuktu Promotions of Mission Viejo, Calif., with a portion of the proceeds being donated to the "Desert Storm Surviving Dependents Fund." The artwork was reprinted on the cover with permission from Timbuktu.

Metro sets June 8 schedule

The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) announced special transit schedules for the Saturday, June 8, Desert Storm National Victory Celebration.

Metrorail service will operate from 8 a.m. June 8 to as late as 1 a.m. June 9, if needed. Metrobus service will operate on a special Saturday schedule with additional service from eight downtown bus staging areas after the fireworks display and additional service available up to 2 a.m. June 9 to relieve crowding on Metrorail if necessary.

Fares will be 85 cents for any Metrobus trip and \$1 for any Metrorail trip. Senior citizens and disabled passengers will pay 25 cents per trip. Rail fares will be collected in barrels. Valid rail to bus transfers will be accepted as full bus fare on Metrobus. Valid Metrobus transfers will be accepted as full fare on Metrorail. Valid Family/Tourist and flash passes will be accepted for Metrobus and Metrorail fares. Parking at all transit authority-operated lots will be free. Bicycles will not be permitted in the Metrorail system June 8.

Crowd estimates range for June 8 from 200,000 to 350,000 for the major events. Trains and buses can move approximately 100,000 passengers an hour. If crowds are very large, it will take several hours to clear the Mall.

To get to and from the fireworks display, passengers should take advantage of all the downtown stations, and avoid using the Smithsonian and Federal Triangle Stations, which are usually very crowded. Passengers should avoid transferring between Metrorail lines, if at all possible. Alexandria and Southeast Fairfax County passengers should use the Yellow Line, with the Archives Station at Seventh St. and Pennsylvania Ave. located near the Mall.

Approximately 150 additional WMATA employees will provide information and assistance to passengers on June 8. They will wear identification badges and red, white and blue hats with a Metro insignia. After the fireworks display, buses marked "Special" will operate as follows:

From: 9th St. between Pa. and Constitution Aves., N.W.
To: Friendship Heights/Silver Spring

From: 10th St. between Pa. and Constitution Aves., N.W.
To: Anacostia

From: 14th St. between Constitution Ave. and D St., N.W.
To: Ballston via Rosslyn

From: 17th St. between I and K Sts., N.W.
To: Glen Echo

From: Federal Center SW Station
To: Eastover, Marlow Heights

From: Federal Triangle Station
To: Takoma and Petworth

From: Independence Ave. between 12th and 14th Sts., S.W.
To: Pentagon Metro Station

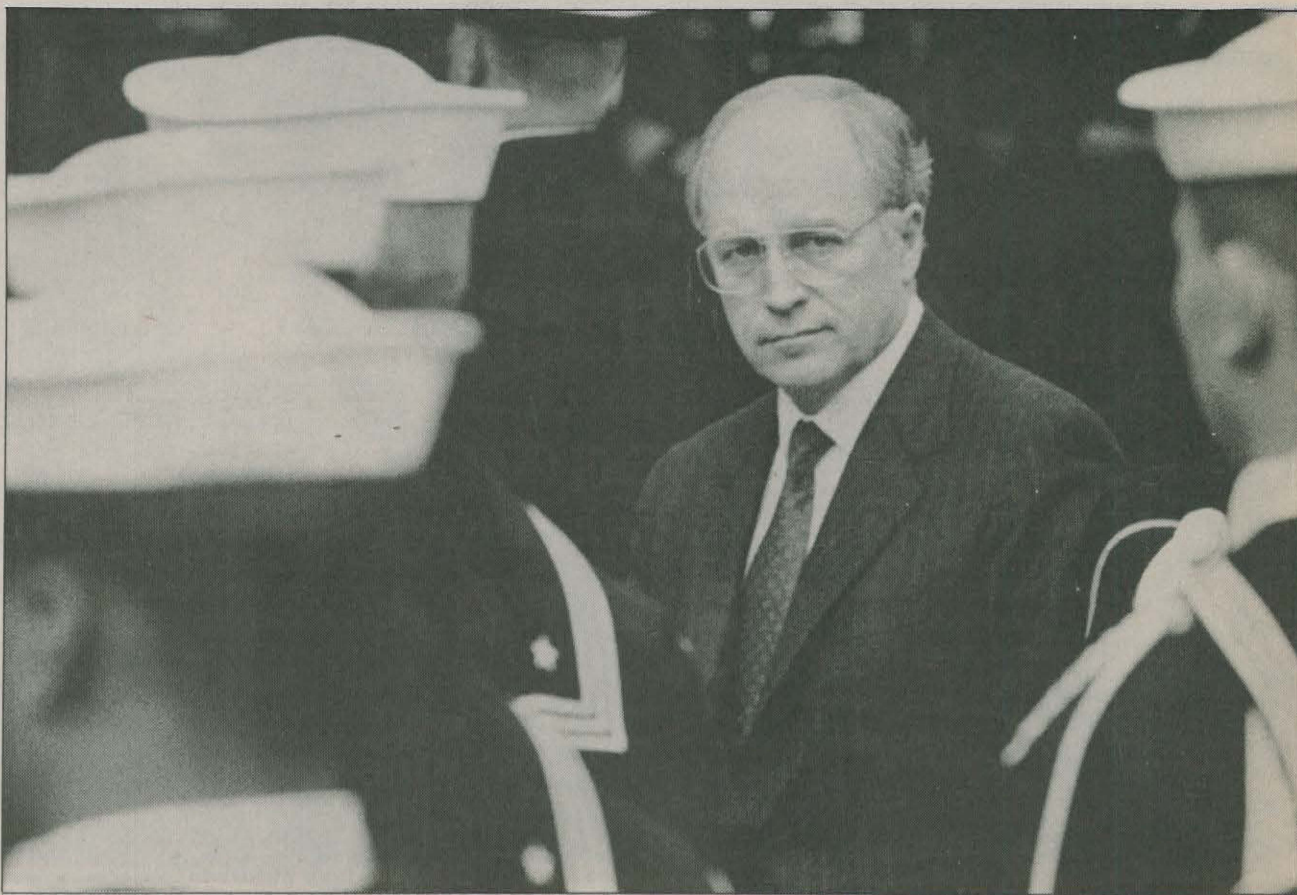
From: 14th St. between Constitution and D Street, N.W.
To: Takoma, 14th St. and Colorado Ave.

In case of rain or high winds, all events will be held, except the fireworks display. There is no rain date for the fireworks display.

For further information about transit schedules, call Metro at (202) 637-7000 or (TDD) 638-3780.

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Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney

SecDef welcomes troops

I am delighted to participate in the National Victory Celebration and to thank the many Americans who supported and contributed to Operation Desert Storm.

It is a special honor to help recognize the outstanding servicemen and women of our armed forces. Their victory in the Gulf takes a proud place in the history of the nation and the world. Once again, American soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines, and coastguardsmen fought and triumphed over aggression. Once again, they upheld our nation's deepest belief — the right to be free.

Our troops in the Gulf were not alone. Over thirty nations sent forces to join the coalition. And as they fought, others here at home and throughout the world worked around the clock to support them. Communications experts, supply chiefs, transportation planners, intelligence specialists, and many more were part of a global team that won victory in the Gulf and kept our nation safe. We owe them all our deepest gratitude.

As our forces worked, brave families waited. Throughout our history America has relied on the sacrifices of military families. Parents,

wives, husbands, and children carried extra burdens during Operation Desert Storm and shared the uncertainty and fears of war. To them, as to our troops, go the credit for the victory we celebrate and the fruits of liberty we enjoy.

Before Desert Storm, cynics said there were no more American heroes. After Desert Storm, we've learned America has more heroes than we can count. Our troops let critics do the doubting. They knew they could do the job. Now all the world knows it, too.

The men and women of Operation Desert Storm take their places in a long line of American patriots, a great parade of courage and dedication that stretches back through our history to the very first hours of our independence. As we watch today's young heroes make their way down Constitution Avenue, let their triumph remind us of all who fought for our freedom, from Lexington to the Somme, from Normandy to Vietnam.

Welcome Home.

Dick Cheney
Secretary of Defense

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THUNDER and LIGHTNING

Desert Storm: How the war was won



The 16-inch guns of the USS Missouri (BB-63) light up the night sky as they fire off the coast of Kuwait Feb. 12.

(photo by PH3 Brad Dillon)

From the rapid deployment of more than 500,000 troops and 18 billion pounds of equipment to the thunderous air campaign and lightning ground strike, the Persian Gulf operation stunned the world.

by John E. Burick

Iraqi President Saddam Hussein and his Army miscalculated America's resolve and its military might during the Gulf War.

After fighting a ruthless eight-year war with Iran from 1980 to 1988, Iraq turned to the south toward the tiny, oil-producing nation, Kuwait. Hussein accused Kuwait of occupying historically Iraqi lands, which also happened to have vast oil fields.

During July, Hussein started to "rattle his saber," but promised the Arab League that no military action would be taken against Kuwait. He lied.

On Aug. 2, 1990, more than 200,000 Iraqi soldiers, supported by tanks and helicopters, poured over the southern border of Iraq and seized tiny Kuwait.

Four days later, the Iraqi Army positioned its military forces along the Southern Kuwaiti border for a second invasion — this time threatening Saudi Arabia, another oil-producing giant. Concerned that Saudi Arabia's southern oil fields could be next on Hussein's wish list, President George Bush offered military assistance to Saudi ruler King Fahd, and the King accepted the offer.

Joining the United States, the United Nations condemned the Iraqi aggression and western countries began talking about assisting a military effort in the Middle East. The multinational military coalition was born.

Operation Desert Shield

The 82nd Airborne Division from Fort Bragg, N.C. was dispatched to Saudi Arabia on Aug. 9. Shortly after the 82nd's deployment, the 101st Airborne Division (Air-Assault) was sent to reinforce the 82nd.

With two American Army divisions on the ground and warships steaming toward the Persian Gulf, Army Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf and his Central Command stepped into the spotlight. His mission was implementing a plan to defend Saudi Arabia — a plan named "Operation Desert Shield."

Pentagon officials were worried about two lightly-equipped divisions facing well-armed Iraqi mechanized and armored forces. The decision was made to send American mechanized and armored units.

Two days later, the 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized) from Fort Stewart, Ga., and the 197th Infantry Brigade (Mechanized) from Fort Benning, Ga., departed from America to the Persian Gulf on fast sealift ships.

Eventually, the 1st Cavalry Division and one of the 2nd Armored Division's brigades from Fort Hood, Texas, were also deployed to Saudi Arabia. The 1st Infantry Division (Mechanized) from Fort Riley, Kansas, was soon to follow the 1st Cav and 2nd Armored.

The Marine Corps' 1st and 2nd Divisions, and the Air Force's F-15 and F-16 fighter, and A-10 close-air support wings were also routed to the Persian Gulf. To support the active-duty effort in the Middle East, President Bush on Aug. 25 activated military reserve units.

America's allies also sent military forces. Some of the multi-nation coalition ground

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forces consisted of a British armored division, elements from the French Foreign Legion, a Syrian mechanized-infantry division, and other assorted units from the Middle East and Europe. English, French, Italian, Saudi, and Kuwaiti air forces supported American airmen.

When Saddam Hussein called up his re-

serves and increased his troop strength in Kuwait, President Bush authorized an additional deployment of 200,000 Americans. This included the 2nd Armored Division (Forward) and the 3rd Armored Division, which were part of the VII Corps in Europe.

Iraqi Troops Mass for War

As the Jan. 15 deadline drew near, almost

415,000 American servicemembers, supported by 200,000 allied troops, faced 545,000 dug-in Iraqi soldiers in the Kuwaiti Theatre of Operation.

Iraqi equipment deployments increased before the deadline. In Iraq and Kuwait, the Iraqi army had 2,800 armored fighting vehicles, 4,200 tanks and 3,100 artillery pieces. The Iraqi tanks were mainly Soviet-built T-72, T-55 and T-54 main battle tanks. They also had the Soviet BMP infantry fighting vehicles.

The Iraqi force was considered formidable with their 20 divisions, organized in a three-echelon defense.

Desert Storm: the Air War

On Jan. 16 at 4:50 p.m., President Bush gave the attack order. A hundred Tomahawk missiles were fired from Naval ships in the Persian Gulf and the Red Sea. Jets from Britain, France, Italy, Saudi Arabia, free-Kuwait and the United States flew 750 individual bombing missions over Kuwait and Iraq.

During the first 14 hours of the war, numerous Iraqi nuclear and chemical targets were destroyed. The elite Iraqi Republican Guard received the brunt of the bombing by U.S. B-52s.

In retaliation for allied bombing raids, Iraq hit Israel with eight conventional Scud surface-to-surface missiles. Only minor damage was reported. Scuds fired at Saudi Arabia were shot down by the Army's Patriot anti-missile defenses.

Unprovoked Scud attacks on Israel forced Gen. Schwarzkopf and Desert Storm planners to target mobile Scud missile launchers. President Bush also decided to send American Patriot crews to Israel to help with the air defense of Tel Aviv.

On the fourth day of the war, 12 Iraqi
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(U.S. Army photo)

A Vulcan air defense vehicle is loaded aboard a sealift ship during Operation Desert Shield.

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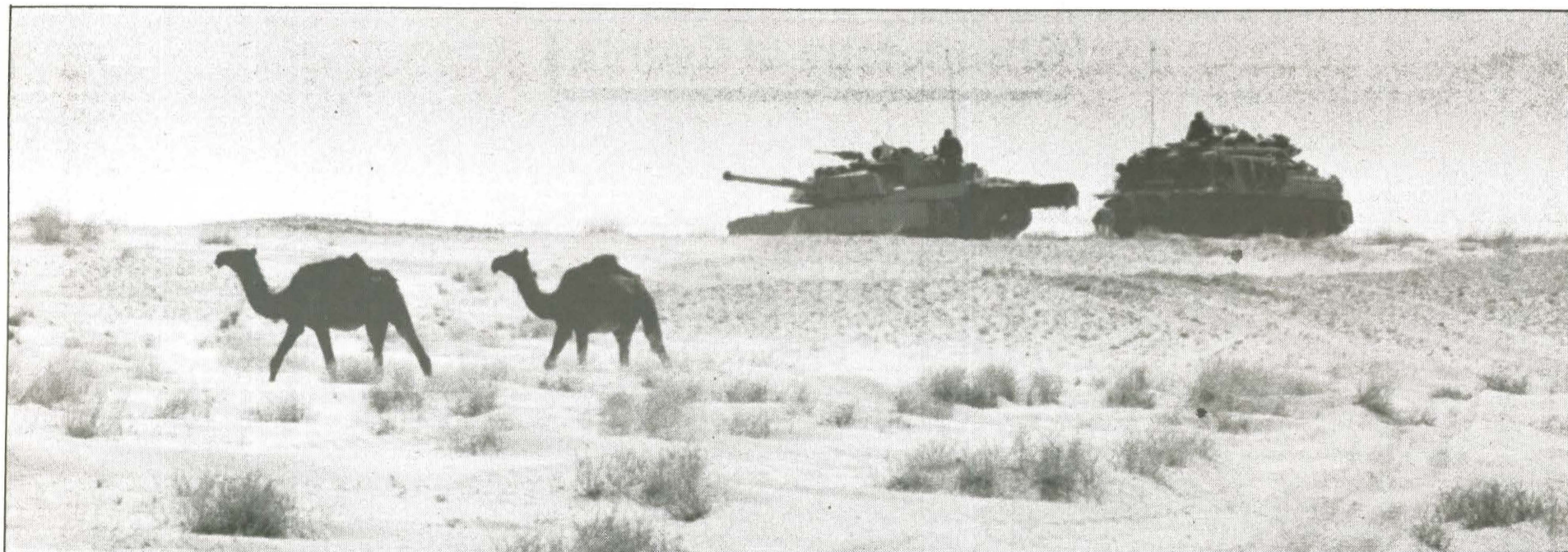
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An M-1 Abrams and tank recovery vehicle maneuver across desert terrain in Saudi Arabia.

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soldiers were captured when the U. S. Navy launched an attack on a Kuwaiti oil platform that was used as an Iraqi anti-aircraft gun emplacement.

After launching 216 Tomahawk cruise missiles and flying 4,700 sorties, Chief of Operations for the Joint Chiefs of Staff Lt. Gen. Thomas Kelly declared to the press that the allies had achieved air superiority over the Kuwaiti Theater, despite no major engagement against the Iraqi air force.

On the fifth day of war, Patriot missiles destroyed nine more Scuds fired at Dhahran and Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. Three more American aircraft were shot down bringing U. S. losses to nine fliers.

To begin the second week of war, the Army's 3rd Cavalry Regiment reported one of its patrols was involved in a fire fight along the Saudi-Kuwaiti border. Six Iraqi prisoners were taken into custody, and two U.S. troopers incurred minor injuries.

On the ninth day, U.S. Naval forces captured Qurah Island off the coast of Kuwait. This operation marked the first liberation of Kuwaiti territory. During the battle on and around the 400-square-yard island, two Iraqi mine sweepers were sunk and three Iraqi soldiers were killed. Twenty-nine enemy prisoners were taken into custody.

On the eleventh day of war, Air Force F-111 fighter bombers destroyed two Kuwaiti petroleum pipelines used for pumping millions of barrels of crude oil in Gulf waters. Using television-guided "smart bombs," the bombardier

steered the ordnance into two oil-pumping facilities. The blasts severed the pipelines between the Kuwaiti oil fields and the offshore supertanker terminal. The American attack significantly reduced oil flow into the Gulf.

On day 12, the Air force scored a major victory in the skies over Kuwait. While on patrol, two F-16 Eagle jet fighters went head-to-head with four Iraqi MiG-23s. In the most dramatic dogfight of the war, the American fighters shot down both Soviet-made planes.

On day 14, a Marine Corps artillery unit armed with self-propelled howitzers crept to positions near the Saudi-Kuwaiti border. The Marine gunners were successful in landing their rounds on Iraqi fortifications six miles behind the front lines.

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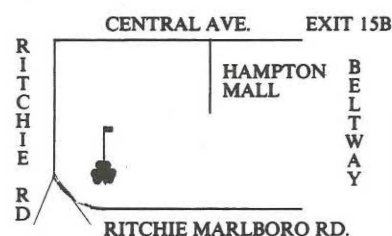
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Iraq Threatens Kuwait

Initial Buildup

OPEC Summit

Talks Break Down

Iraq Invades Kuwait

Iraq Postures to Invade Saudi Arabia

Iraq Declares Kuwait a Province

JUL 20 26 AUG 1 2 6 8 9 11 22 25 27 SEP 7-10 OCT JAN 15 16 FEB 24 27 APR 10

Saudi Arabia Invites U.S.

Lead U.S. Elements Arrive by Air

Lead U.S. Units Arrive by Air

First Fast Sealift Ship Departs U.S.

President Authorizes Reserve Call-Up

Army Activates First Reserve Units

First Fast Sealift Ship Arrives in S.A.

First Reserve Units Deploy to S.A.

Initial Combat Support Units in Place

Readiness Training, Resupply, Follow-on Deployments

U.N. Deadline for Iraqi Withdrawal

U.N. Begins Air Campaign to Free Kuwait

U.N. Begins Ground Campaign

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An allied fighter aircraft speeds past Patriot air defense missile systems.

(U.S. Army photo)

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Battle of Khafji — Week 3

Iraqi mechanized-infantry battalions made four separate incursions at the same time into Saudi Arabia. Of the four incursions across Kuwait's southern border, the fiercest fighting took place in the Saudi bordertown, Khafji. A four-man U.S. Marine reconnaissance unit trapped during the fight called in artillery rounds before they were rescued.

The Battle of Khafji was mainly fought by Saudi mechanized forces. U.S. Air Force A-10 Warthog ground-support jets and Marine Corps Sea Cobra attack helicopters supported the allied ground forces in their counterattack. U.S. aircraft knocked out Iraqi tanks and infantry fighting vehicles.

Iraqi casualties were estimated at 300 in fighting that was as close as 25 meters. Eleven Marines were killed during the battle.

On the following day, between 800 to 1,000 Iraqi armored vehicles left their dug-in positions inside Kuwait and moved south toward the Saudi border. Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs Pete Williams speculated that six Iraqi mechanized divisions could launch a second offensives.

Allied pilots called it a "turkey shoot." About 1,000 Iraqi armored vehicles assembled in an area 25 miles west of the Kuwaiti town of Wafra were caught in the open. Air Force B-52 bombers carpet bombed what was the assembly area for 60,000 enemy soldiers.

On Feb. 4, for the first time since the Korean War, the Navy's battleship Missouri fired its 16-inch guns on military targets. The big guns hurled seven 2,000 pound projectiles at Iraqi fortified positions in Kuwait City. The Missouri's guns have a range of 25 miles, and the weight of the round is comparable to that of a small economy car.

On Feb. 10, an Air Force A-10 Warthog attack plane tallied its first victory in air-to-air combat. While on a tank-busting mission over occupied Kuwait, the A-10 knocked an Iraqi helicopter out of the sky with its 30 millimeter cannon.

Feb. 20 was called a "dress rehearsal" for supporting a major ground offensive. The navy's battleship Missouri, Saudi artillery batteries and allied warplanes smashed an Iraqi artillery position inside occupied Kuwait. The coordination of air strikes and artillery fire was similar to military actions taken before the ground offensive.

Gulf War Feb. 18. The Tripoli, a Marine Corps amphibious assault ship, and the Princeton sailed into Iraqi mines. The damage to the Tripoli was minor because the explosion ripped into a self-sealing compartment inside the ship's hull. The blast on the Princeton caused three injuries and forced the ship to operate at 50 percent power.

On the evening of Feb. 20, American casualties were listed as 19 killed in action, 20 wounded and eight prisoners of war.

100-hour Ground War

At 4 a.m. on Feb. 24, more than 200,000 allied troops began their attack north, smashing through or skirting Iraqi fortified positions in a three-pronged attack.

The attack on the western front was led by American M-1 Abrams tank forces consisting of the U.S. VII Corps and elements of the XVIII Airborne Corps. The two units raced across the western Iraqi desert in a flanking movement that enveloped the Iraqi army.

Another flanking movement east of the

American maneuver was led by the British 1st Armored Division better known as the "Desert Rats." The Brits were supported by French mechanized units. The flanking movements were designed to capture the Republican Guard by cutting off their retreat.

The Marine Expeditionary Force — which was supported by Arab and European units — pushed through the enemy minefields towards Kuwait City. During a one-hour tank battle, Marine forces captured an entire Iraqi division, including the commanding general.

Jumping 30 miles behind enemy lines, the 82nd Airborne Division took up positions on the outskirts of Kuwait City. The 101st Airborne Division also choppered 50 miles into the Iraqi desert to shut down key enemy supply and escape routes. Almost 300 helicopters lifted 2,000 soldiers and 50 HUMVEE-towed 105 millimeter howitzers.

Iraqi President Hussein personally announced on Iraqi television that his forces

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(U.S. Air Force photo)

An Air Force crew prepares to load a sidewinder missile aboard a fighter aircraft.

Navy ships suffered their first damage of the

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were withdrawing to pre-invasion positions inside Iraq. Just prior to the announcement, an Iraqi Scud missile attack hit an Army barracks in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, killing 28 American reservists.

On the second day of the ground war, President Bush announced that allied forces had taken 30,000 enemy prisoners. He also said the Iraqi retreat was instead a tactical

withdrawal. Instead of laying their weapons down, the Iraqi army was fighting while trying to drag much of their equipment back out of Kuwait.

On the third day, Kuwaiti resistance forces led by American Special Forces units raised the Kuwaiti flag over Kuwait City. In fighting around the capital city, the Marine Expeditionary Force's tankers engaged and defeated another Iraqi tank division.

In the Iraqi desert, the 24th Infantry, 1st Infantry, and 1st Cavalry Divisions continued

the envelopment of retreating Iraqi forces.

After only 100 hours of battle on the ground, President Bush announced that Kuwait had been liberated. He also ordered a unilateral suspension of offensive operations.

The U.S. lost 28 aircraft while the allies destroyed 141 Iraqi planes. American casualties were listed as 55 killed in action, 50 killed in non-combat operations, 30 missing and nine prisoners of war. The allies held 35,000 enemy prisoners of war.



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Several main roads and intersections will be closed Saturday from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. due to the Victory Parade.

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An M-1 Abrams tank speeds north across the desert toward Kuwait. (U.S. Army photo)



An oil well burns in the desert near Kuwait City following the withdrawal of Iraqi forces from the country. (photo by JO1 Joe Gawlowicz)

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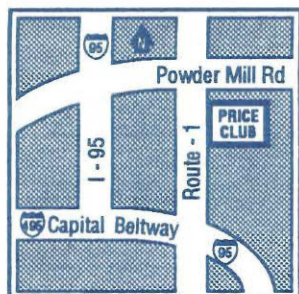
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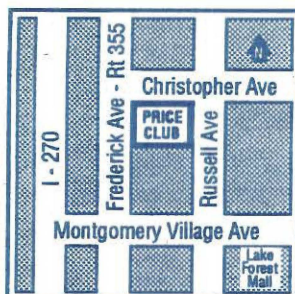
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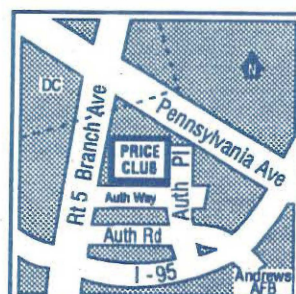
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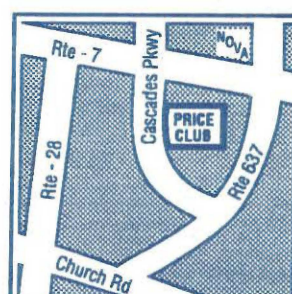
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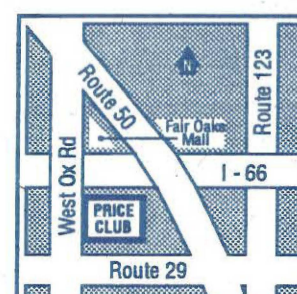
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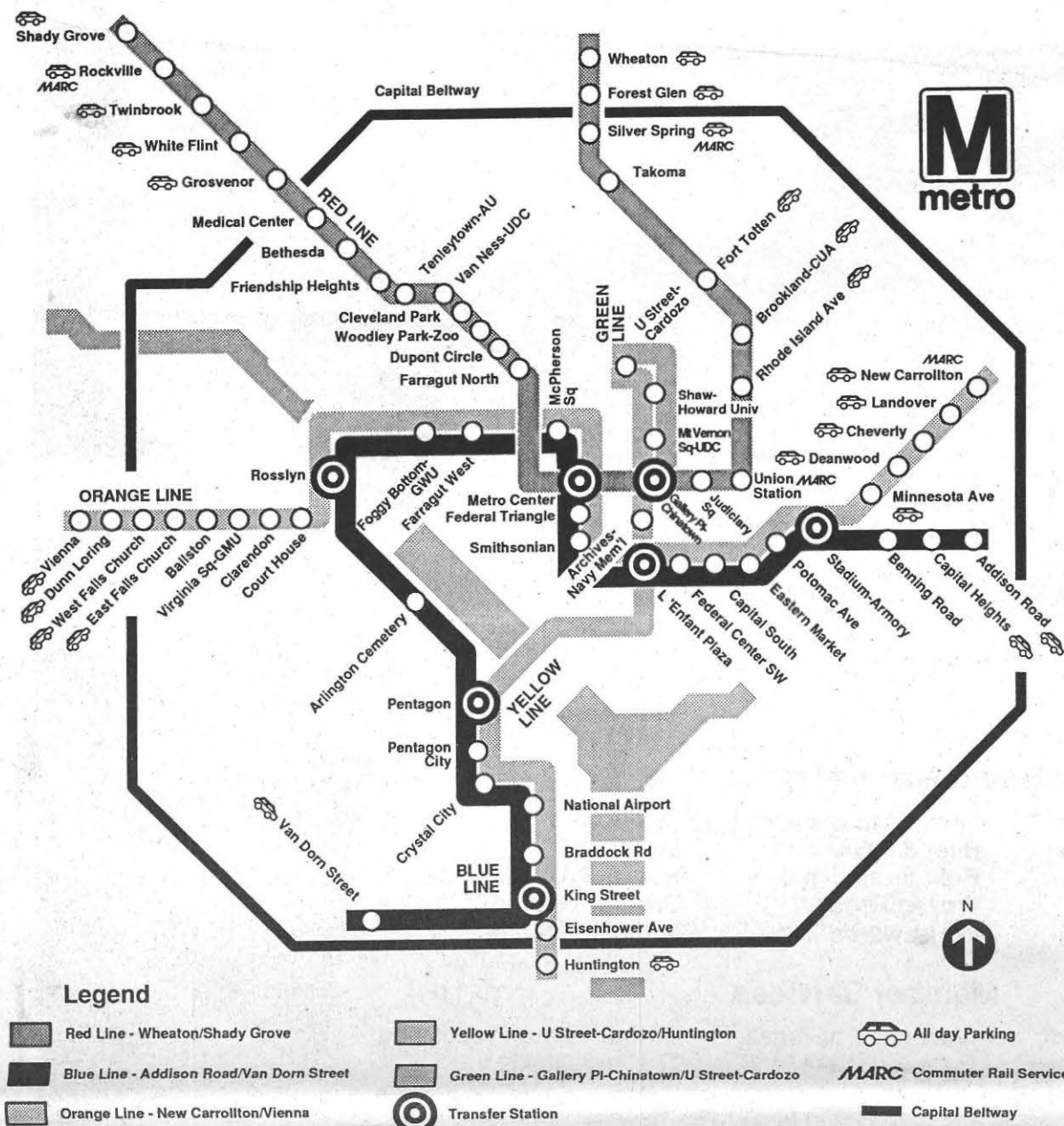
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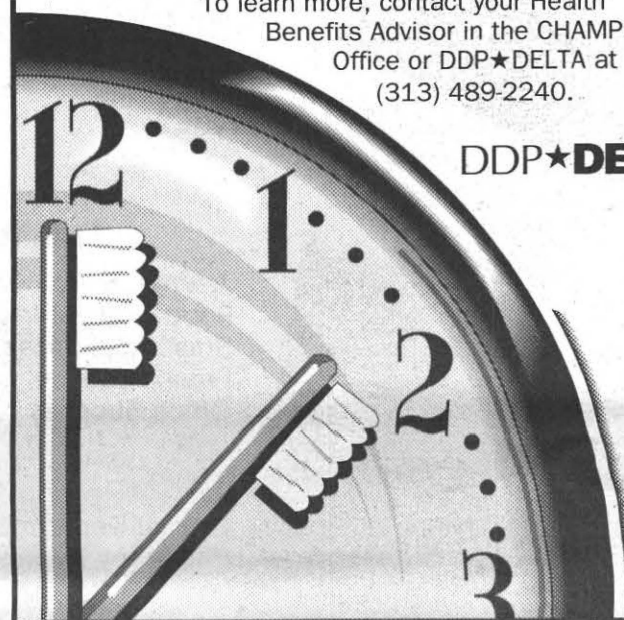
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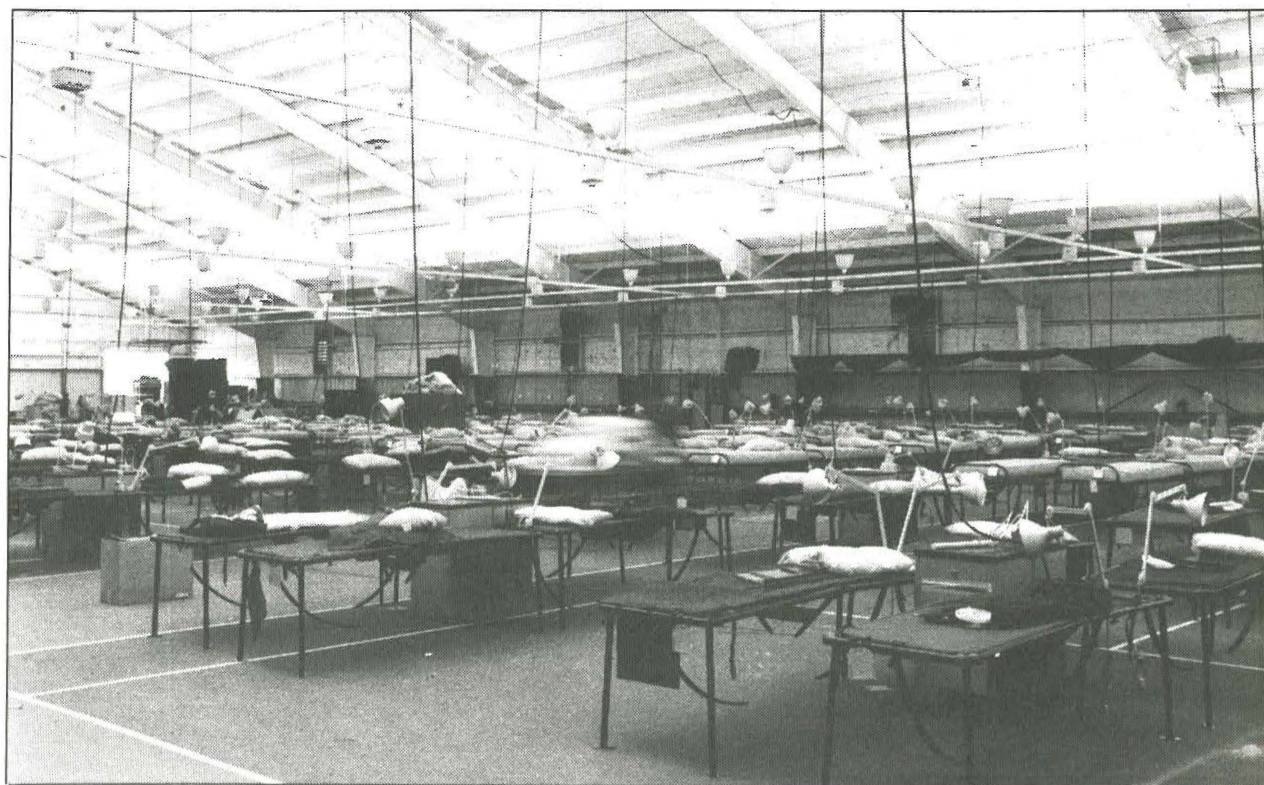
ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE, Md. — Even though Andrews didn't deploy any fighter pilots to the Persian Gulf, one of its missions did impact each branch of the armed forces during Desert Storm: the mission of receiving the wounded returning to the states.

The 10th Aeromedical Staging Flight, a part of Malcolm Grow USAF Medical Center, fulfilled that mission here. The 10th ASF is a component of the Air Force aeromedical evacuation system. This Military Airlift Command-controlled system is designed for war. The mission is to move combat casualties from battle areas to overseas or statesides hospitals.

Since Andrews was the central returning point for combat and accidental injuries, the flight moved its operations from the medical center to the fitness center on the west side of Andrews for more space Jan 18 in preparation for any number of casualties. This expanded their capacity from 75 to 250 beds. The 10th ASF began receiving patients Jan. 21 with assorted injuries from broken bones and burns to wounds received from gunshots and land mines.

"Stable patients can stay here up to three days awaiting aircraft to take them to other hospitals throughout the United States," said SMSgt. Gary W. Walos, 10th ASF superintendent of nursing services.

Equipment used to convert the fitness center came from the Andrews War Readiness Materiel Warehouse. Some of the blan-



(U.S. Air Force photo by Mark Butler, Capital Flyer)

Inside the tennis center where the 10th Aeromedical Staging Flight converted the two indoor courts to a transient hospital in January.

kets, still in their original wrapping, dated back to 1932.

"Even some of the newspapers used to wrap the equipment and supplies date back to 1952," Walos said.

The 10th ASF served as a medical transit-point for more than 17,000 patients. The 10th ASF shipped its last patient out May 15 and moved back to original facility May 17.

There, the flight continues its peacetime mission of caring for transiting Department of Defense-eligible patients from one medical facility to another through the aeromedical evacuation system.

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Heroism Under Fire

Losing Bradley scout vehicle and fellow crew members on encounter with Iraqi T-72 tank, PFCs Bradish and McClure carried fight forward until enemy was defeated

by Michael Gollaher
148th PAD

The scout platoon had been in position only five minutes when a Soviet-made T-72 tank appeared from behind a berm about 300 meters away. It was flanked by Iraqi infantrymen and was headed toward the Bradley scout vehicles. The lightly armored Bradleys were no match for the tank's 125mm main gun.

Despite the mismatch, one Bradley attacked the tank with TOW missiles. The first shot from the Bradley missed. The second — and last — missile disabled but didn't destroy the tank.

By the time the firefight ended, two U.S. soldiers would be dead, a third seriously wounded, and two young privates — Pfc. Frank Bradish of Pocatello, Idaho, and Pfc. John McClure of San Bernadino, Calif. — would be recommended for the Silver Star.

Bradish and McClure, scouts for the 4-32nd Armored Battalion, 1st Brigade, 3rd Armor Division, manned a Bradley designated HQ-26.

Fellow soldiers could tell stories about their familiarity with weapons, their gung-ho attitude, and how they loved soldiering, particularly Bradish, who was nicknamed "Ranger Bob."

"There was no one else like Bradish," said 1st Lt. James Barker of Whitewood, S.D., Bradish's platoon leader. "We all used to say that if anyone could make it through this thing alive, it would be Bradish."

On Feb. 26, though, Bradish's chances didn't seem promising at all.

It was only the second day of the Desert Storm ground war, but the 3rd Armor Division had already penetrated deep into southern Iraq.

As the HQ-22 track headed south with a group of Iraqi prisoners, three other Bradleys set up a line to the northern front of the battalion and tied in with the 2nd Armored Brigade. Cavalry scouts were positioned in the area to their right rear flank. By 7:30 p.m. it was overcast and pitch black.

Contact

Though Bradish and McClure's fighting vehicle had disabled the Iraqi tank, the T-72 was still capable of destroying the Bradleys. The disabled tank turned out to be from the Republican Guard's Tawakalna Armored Division.

One of the Bradleys moved into its attack position. As the Iraqi infantrymen scrambled for cover, the gunners of the two other Bradleys opened up with their 25mm guns as the third Bradley launched a TOW missile at the T-72. The missile popped the turret off the tank and lit up the sky.

But the TOW hit its target too late for HQ-26. After HQ-26's second TOW was fired, Bradish opened the observer's hatch to reload, just as incoming rounds hit the vehicle.

What happened next is not entirely clear. Incoming rounds filled the Bradley's turret with flashes and some of the ammunition inside the

track became hot enough to explode.

The result was disaster.

The Bradley's commander was killed almost immediately, and the driver received mortal wounds. The gunner was seriously injured, but was still alive and conscious.

McClure escaped without life-threatening injuries.

Although the tips of two fingers and the thumb of his right hand were blown away, Bradish reported that he was okay but that the driver was "hurt bad." Thinking he smelled fuel and fearing an explosion, McClure yelled for one of his injured buddies to leave the track. Despite his injuries, the wounded soldier was able to climb out and crawl some 30 feet in front of the Bradley, where he collapsed.

McClure secured the radio, pulled some flares from the ammo box in the turret and gave them to Bradish. Bradish took the flares and his M-16 and prepared to defend the position.

While McClure tended to the wounded, Bradish called another vehicle, reported the hit and requested a medic. Cussing at the flares — and finally opening them with his teeth because of his injured hand — Bradish sent them up to mark their position. This would keep them safe from friendly fire, and would help to locate them in the darkness.

Later, as they tended to their injured comrades, Bradish and McClure heard the rustle of enemy boots and equipment in the darkness just ahead of them.

Firefight

After popping the turret of the T-72 with his TOW, one of the three original Bradleys radioed for tank support and an ambulance track. There might be other Iraqi tanks in the area, and the remaining Bradleys were no match for the heavy armor.

Barker then saw an enemy infantry squad headed to the northeast, moving directly for Bradish and McClure. He quickly called in mortar rounds and dispersed the attackers, and then radioed HQ-24 to take an overwatch position forward of Bradish and McClure.

As Barker headed toward the crippled Bradley, cavalry scouts nearby warned him of a large squad of enemy infantry moving toward his vehicle in a tactical formation. Using 25mm high explosive rounds from the Bradley Bushmaster chain gun, Barker's team was able to

Only when the wounded were loaded onto the ambulance track did Braddish, who had continued to man the perimeter and lend his assistance, announce he was injured...

break up the attack.

After fighting his way to the disabled HQ-26, Barker found Bradish defending the perimeter.

"I'm fine," reported Bradish. "Go get (the driver) 'cause he's hurt pretty bad."

Barker left his observer with Bradish to help with perimeter security. Seeing the other soldier with a .50 caliber machine gun, Bradish swapped it for his M-16 and set up an overwatch position.

Just then, the cavalry came to the rescue: Sgt. 1st Class Craig Kendall's M-1 Abrams tank stormed through the perimeter to protect them.

Within 20 minutes, the rest of Kendall's tank platoon and two ambulance tracks arrived. Sgt. Sergio Nino of Rockville, Md., a medic, assessed and triaged the casualties. He tried in vain to get a pulse from HQ-26's commander, still slumped forward in the turret seat of his track.

Inside HQ-26, the driver was still conscious, but in shock. Using a flashlight, Nino and another medic redressed his wounds. The other two badly injured soldiers needed to be evacuated immediately if they were to survive.

Only when the two soldiers were loaded onto the ambulance track did Bradish, who had continued to man the perimeter and lend assistance, announce he was injured and needed help. Then he collapsed on the sand.

"What do you expect me to do...get up and walk to the track myself?" Bradish joked.

By then, Bradish was in agony and needed quick attention. When the stretcher was brought to him, McClure confirmed what he had suspected: Bradish was injured far worse than he had let on.

Not only had he lost portions of his right hand and suffered a painful groin injury, a round had also gone through both upper thighs, leaving holes the size of a fist. The medics could not understand how Bradish had been able to run around, pop flares, radio for help, tend the wounded and perform security.

Even though he was almost screaming from the pain by now, "Ranger Bob" still had time for a joke. Holding up his maimed right hand, he quipped, "They thought they had me, but I fooled them...I shoot left-handed!" As he was loaded onto the ambulance track, he called back: "Tell all the guys I love 'em and I'll see 'em back at the Rock," a training area in Germany.

Aftermath

For their actions under fire, Bradish and McClure were recommended to be awarded the Silver Star, the U.S. military's fourth highest decoration. The wounded members of the team will recover. The dead will not be forgotten. Not by their fellow scouts, their friends and families, nor by their nation, which owes them its deepest gratitude.

(Gollaher is the deputy state public affairs officer of the Idaho National Guard. He is on active duty in the Persian Gulf with the 148th Public Affairs Detachment.) (ARNEWS)



Firefight between lightly armored Bradley scout vehicles and Iraqi T-72 tanks left both in wreckage, as with this Iraqi tank left in the desert near Kuwait City.

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During the ship's eight-month maiden deployment the staff treated over 8,000 outpatients, 718 inpatients and conducted 337

surgical procedures. More than 200 medical evacuation flights were received.

Exemplifying the axiom that a good team is only as strong as its bench, Navy reservists shed their civilian trappings, re-fitted their Navy uniforms and reported for active duty at NNMC shortly after the deployment of the *USNS Comfort*. As replacements for the deployed staff, the reservists, nearly three-quarters of whom were badly needed hospital corpsmen, experienced a frantic week of canceled plans, postponed arrangements and rescheduled assignments. All of the reserve activation planning paid off when reservists assumed the duties of deployed NNMC doctors, nurses, corpsmen and support personnel bringing with them many years of experience and expertise.

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Walter Reed expands

by Larry Lane and Bonnie Heater
Walter Reed PAO

Anticipating that a ground war in the Mideast might generate numerous casualties, Walter Reed Army Medical Center expanded its capacity from 850 beds to 1,000 by Jan. 15, and had contingency plans for treating as many as 2,000 patients if needed.

The action was necessary because Walter Reed had been designated a major receiving point for Desert Storm casualties, as was the Dwight D. Eisenhower Army Medical Center at Fort Gordon, Ga.

The expansion was accomplished by identifying places where existing wards were not being used to their full patient capacity. Some were used to only half their designed patient-handling capacity, with the remaining space used to house offices. The goal was to reclaim this space as bed space, according to Center Commander Maj. Gen. Richard D. Cameron.

After inventorying each ward, the areas that could be converted with minimal disruption to the hospital's day-to-day health care were chosen for conversion to bed space. This meant packing and storing some equipment, and relocating entire offices.

In addition, more than 1,400 activated reservists were made

available to assume physician, nursing, technical and administrative positions vacated by Walter Reed staff members who had deployed to Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

They were also there to help handle a possible influx of Desert Storm casualties. During the build-up Cameron admitted to some interesting challenges. "We've got to take care of our new people with housing and food service, of course, but it's just as important to give everyone meaningful work," he said, until the casualties begin arriving.

The reserve force, known as E Company, was made up of people from reserve units all across the nation. The largest section was the 2290th U. S. Army Reserve Hospital from Rockville, Md. Walter Reed had been the unit's drill site, and some of the reservists work for the center during peace-time in civilian capacities.

Of the 1,400 who processed in at Walter Reed, all did not remain there. Some were sent to fill shortages of medical specialties elsewhere in Health Services Command, and others went to overseas assignments — including Saudi Arabia. Currently, more than 700 reservists are still augmenting the Walter Reed staff.

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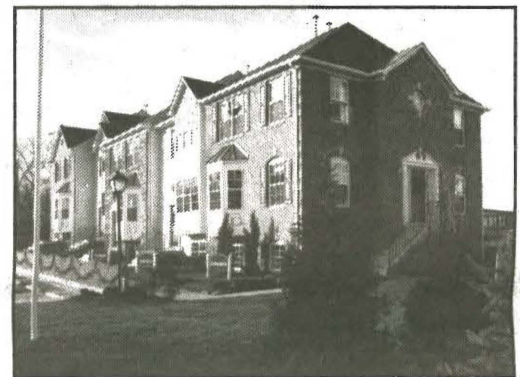
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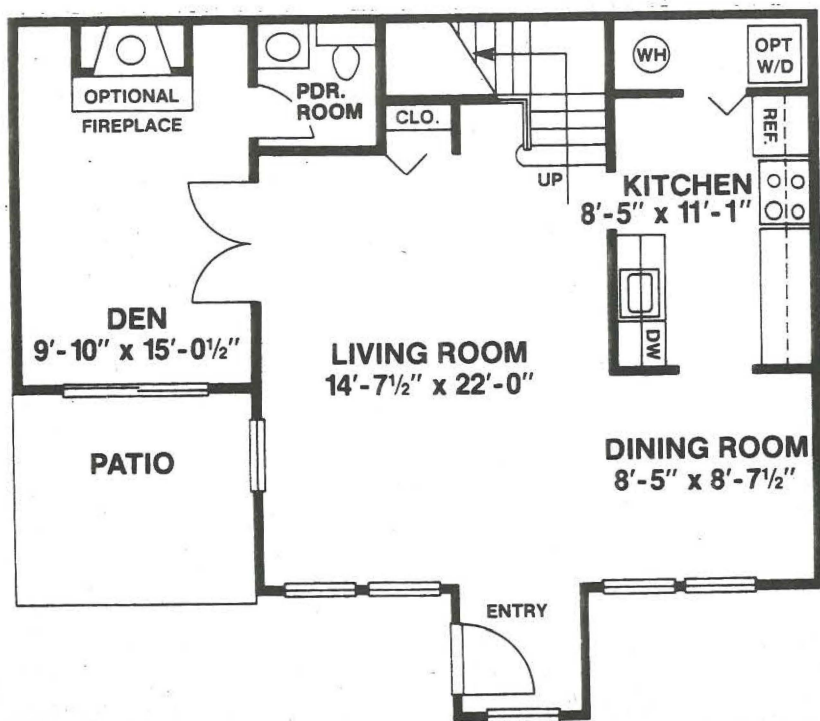
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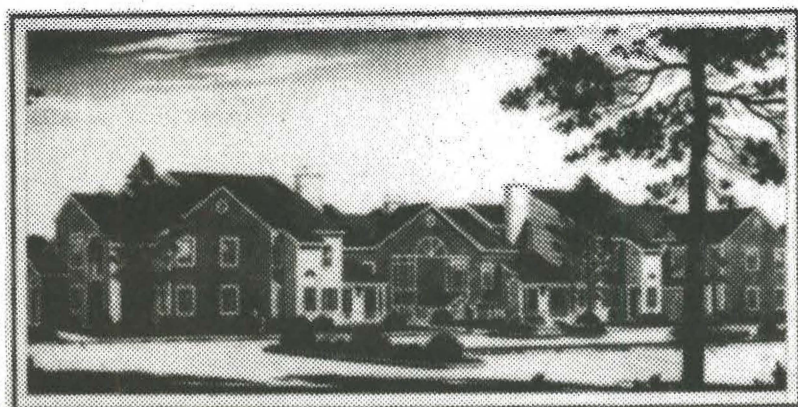
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First Purple Heart recipient comes to Andrews

by SSgt. Crystal A. Laurie
Andrews AFB Public Affairs Office

Twelve hours into Operation Desert Storm, an exhausted reconnaissance battalion in Saudi Arabia finally returns to its bunker. After a grueling nine hours of trying to maintain communications with a rear battalion during relentless air strikes on Iraq and two days without sleep, rest is the only objective on everyone's mind as their weary heads hit their makeshift pillows.

Then suddenly, less than 20 minutes later, "all hell broke loose" when multiple explosions and heavy artillery fire sent the entire bunker instantaneously running for their weapons and gas masks. At the same time as Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Clarence Dean Conner, hospital corpsman, jolted from his bed from all the excitement, an artillery round hit the bunker causing a piece of shrapnel to lodge in his right shoulder. But, despite Petty Officer Conner's intense pain from his 4-inch deep, 3-inch wide wound, he instinctively grabbed his weapon and gas mask and fled the bunker to join the rest of his battalion, earning him Operation Desert Storm's first Purple Heart Medal.

"I just think of my injury as part of doing my job," said the 21-year-old. "My Purple Heart really means a lot to me, but I'd rather be healthy and doing my share in Saudi Arabia," he said. "Unfortunately, I was taken out of the action a little too quick."

The Hemet, Calif., native didn't realize he had earned a Purple Heart, much less the first in Desert Storm, until the day after he was injured when two generals came by to see him in a Naval intensive care unit in Saudi Arabia.

"One of the generals told me he wished he had a Purple Heart to give me right there on the spot, but unfortunately there were none in country yet," said Petty Officer Conner. A week and a half later on the hospital ward, his executive officer, along with many spectators and well-wishers, presented Petty Officer Conner with his medal informally, according to the corpsman.

"I think it's nice to receive a Purple Heart, but it's kind of an unlucky way of getting one," he said.

"When I arrived in Saudi Arabia in August, I joked with my friends telling them I was going to get something out of being there, like a Purple Heart. But I never thought I would; I said it just to say it," he said. "Now, not only did I receive a Purple Heart, but I was the first. It still hasn't hit me yet."

Petty Officer Conner spent the first three and a half weeks transiting various medical facilities in Saudi Arabia and Germany. Then, Feb. 12, he arrived at Andrews' 10th Aeromedical Staging Flight, his first stop in the United States since August.

"Being in the medical career field, I can see that the 10th ASF has everything that you really need to take care of patients coming in," he said. "The medical staff here is very competent and qualified, and anyone who is injured would be well taken care of."

Aside from recovering from his injury while at the 10th ASF, Petty Officer Conner had a chance to tour Andrews and Washington, D.C., during his stay. "It was a big culture shock, but I recovered fast," said Petty Officer

Conner. The first place he went off base was McDonald's. I had a friend take a picture of me out front so I could look back on it someday — it was a big deal to me to have a choice of food after eating from a limited menu for nearly six months," he said.

After lunch, Petty Officer Conner toured downtown Washington, D.C. "I've never seen Washington D.C. It had special meaning for me, unlike a regular tourists, to see the city after I received my medal" he said.

Since Petty Officer Conner received his Purple Heart, he has gained much attention throughout the news media and military community, with many calling him a hero. However, it came at a price. After his wound heals in about three weeks, he begins physical therapy to build strength back into his right arm, he said.

Then, "I have to go for neurology tests for nerve damage because the shrapnel injured my muscle and severed some nerves which causes my arm to go numb from time to time, but it could be worse," he said shrugging his shoulders.

Once Petty Officer Conner left Andrews, he was transferred back to his duty station, Camp Pendleton, Calif., and given 30 days convalescent leave. Then he'll return to his regular job. From there, he said he will get out of the Navy in September to finish his college education.

"When I enlisted, I just thought I would do my job, get out, and say I was in the Navy," he said. "Now, I can say I went in, did my job and got a Purple Heart...I never thought there would be a war."

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Fort Belvoir mobilizes troops for war



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Sgt. 1st Class John Wright embraces his son Joe as the 437th M.P. Company arrives home from the Persian Gulf.

by Sgt. Nathan Webster
Fort Belvoir Public Affairs Office

Fort Belvoir's history book will include a new chapter: the post's contributions to Operations Desert Shield and Storm.

Hundreds of soldiers, including several active and reserve units, processed through the installation enroute to destinations in the Middle East.

And that was only the manpower contribution to the effort. Fort Belvoir also provided family support and assistance to those left behind, including families in Washington, D.C., Northern Virginia and Fort Belvoir itself.

"Everything went very well because we talked to our higher headquarters and [other] mobilization stations and learned from their experiences," said Col. Gerald P. Williams, Fort Belvoir's deputy commander.

The post had to accomplish the mobilization mission with very few additional people to handle the tremendous increase in workload.

"Many individuals worked long hours, nights and weekends to accomplish the mission," Williams said.

About 1000 soldiers deployed to the Middle East from Fort Belvoir, most belonging to three units: the 115th Mobile Army Surgical Hospital, a District of Columbia National Guard unit; the 344th Data Processing Unit, an Army Reserve unit; and Fort Belvoir's own 437th Military Police Company, an active duty unit.

"[Fort Belvoir's job was to] validate equipment, personnel and training [to ensure the unit was deployable]," said Sandi Thomason, installation mobilization planner. That process

meant refresher training for soldiers in nuclear, biological, and chemical survival, weapons marksmanship and common tasks, as well as ensuring they were medically fit and informed as to their legal entitlements.

Besides the main units, several smaller detachments of soldiers were activated and deployed, as were some individual soldiers. These detachments and a number of individual soldiers were sent to other locations within the States to augment units, or fill in for soldiers who had gone to the Middle East.

Since March, the Fort Belvoir staff has been demobilizing soldiers returning from Desert Storm, as well as reservists who filled jobs in the States. So far, about 350 have been demobilized.

That process has also gone "very smoothly," according to Thomason.

Most of the demobilization mission will be accomplished by June, she said.

Tenant activities at Fort Belvoir also supported the war effort.

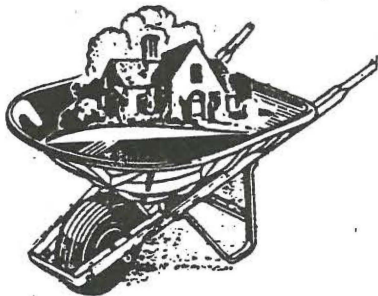
For example, one of the Belvoir Research Development and Engineering Center's contributions was a mine rake, designed to clear a path through the Iraqi defensive fortifications. The rakes were sent to Saudi Arabia in time for the start of the late February ground offensive.

The Defense Mapping School sent Mobile Training Teams to deploying units throughout the country. These units helped train all the services on mapping and charting equipment. Subject matter experts and technical assistant teams were also sent to the Persian Gulf region.

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tics was credited by Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf himself, who said, "Our sights worked, their's didn't."

"Everything we've done for the past 20 years was in Desert Storm," said Mavis Dezulovich, public affairs officer for the Center. "We had 30 products and 17 personnel working in Saudi Arabia."

While many soldiers took that uncertain trip to Saudi Arabia, family members left behind were not forgotten. Army Community Services at Fort Belvoir geared up to help the spouses and children of departed soldiers deal with separations.

ACS sponsored a Waiting Spouse Support Group, as well as "rap" sessions for young children and teens whose parents had deployed.

Dee Thomas, family service coordinator,

said Fort Belvoir offered the first support group for families in the Military District of Washington.

"It was a sounding board," Thomas said. "[Members of the group] got to talk about fears and concerns they had."

Guest speakers and subject matter experts were also brought in to discuss problems spouses might encounter, such as stress management.

Besides the rap sessions, ACS and the Public Affairs Office sponsored other activities for family members, including a Christmas party with members of the Washington Redskins and a day of kite flying co-sponsored with No Greater Love, in honor of the soldiers in the Middle East.

"A lot of positive things came out of the group," Thomas said. "I saw a lot of the ladies grow during that time. They grew a lot more independent."

About 60 people were involved with the

group, not just spouses but anyone with a loved one in the Gulf, Thomas said. "They all had the same need."

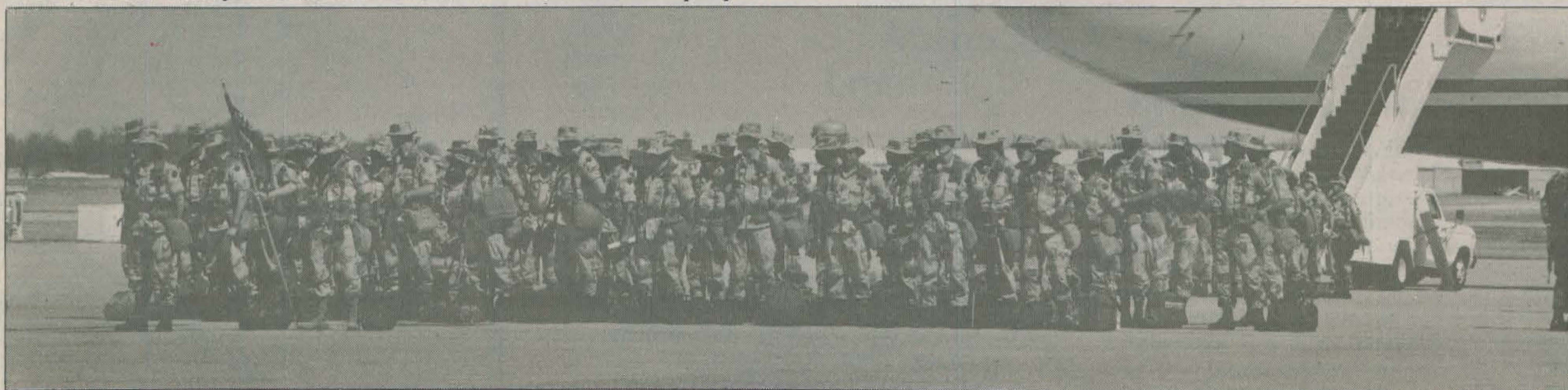
A similar group, staffed with school psychologists, was available for children and allowed them to talk about their concerns.

A reunion seminar was held for families and soldiers to help with the homecoming process, and help each side know what to expect.

The group won't stop now that Desert Storm is over, but the focus will change to the families of soldiers on other remote assignments such as Panama or Korea.

The Fort Belvoir chaplains also offered support, including an ecumenical service for all religious denominations on Jan. 17, the day after the war began.

The former Post Chaplain, Col. Donald L. Davidson, said that during the war, "our primary concern was the continuing support of families of Desert Storm personnel on Fort Belvoir."



The 437th M.P. Company arrives at Andrews Air Force Base after their tour in Saudi Arabia.

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Parade Unit Lineup

Following are the units which will be represented in the Victory Parade June 8. They are listed in marching order with a brief description of their role in Desert Storm.



U.S. Central Command

Unit Leader: Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf
Members of the U.S. Central Command are in peacetime headquartered at MacDill Air Force Base, adjacent to Tampa, Fla.

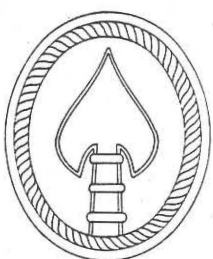
Central command is the headquarters for U.S. military affairs in 18 countries in the Mideast, Southwest Asia and Northwest Africa.

There are 675 people from all services permanently assigned to central command. If needed, the command can draw on forces supplied from each service, as happened during the gulf war.

CENTCOM's area of responsibility is larger than the continental United States. It stretches 3,100 miles from east to west and 3,400 miles from north to south.

The CENTCOM region contains more than 70 percent of the world's oil reserves. This region also sits astride the major maritime trade routes linking the Middle East, Europe, Southern Asia, Eastern Asia, and the Western Hemisphere.

Special Operations Command, Central Command



Unit Leader: Colonel Jesse L. Johnson.
Special operations troops and units from all the Armed Forces participated in operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

Special Operations forces deployed to the Persian Gulf beginning on August 7, 1990. Their mission was to conduct special operations on land, in the air, and on the sea in support of CENTCOM's military objectives.

Special operations forces totalled more than 10,000 troops from the Army, Navy, and Air force.

Today's marching formation is comprised of troops from U.S. Army Special Operations Command, The 4th Battalion 17th Cavalry, The Naval Special Warfare Command, and the Air Force Special Operations Command.

The U.S. Army Band

Unit Leader: Colonel L. Bryan Shelburne Jr.
The U.S. Army Band is known as "Pershing's Own" because it was formed in 1922 by personal order of General of the Armies John J. Pershing, who had commanded U.S. ground

forces in Europe in World War I.

This band is the Army's premier musical organization. It is comprised only of highly talented musicians who have succeeded in extremely competitive, difficult auditions.

During World War II, the Army Band was the only Washington-based, premier service band to deploy to foreign combat theaters.

The band performs regularly for ceremonies hosted by the White House, Department of Defense, and Department of State.

U.S. Army Forces, Central Command



Unit Leader: Lt. Gen. John J. Yeosock
This unit represents the 3rd United States Army headquartered at Fort McPherson, Georgia, and the troops of the theater support command.

This Army organization, known as ARCENT, was the senior army headquarters in Southwest Asia. It was the largest single component in the Gulf War.

At the peak of the operation, General Yeosock commanded 303,000 American soldiers, plus 30,000 British and French ground forces.

ARCENT was the architect of the Army buildup in Saudi Arabia, the Defensive plan for Saudi Arabia, the defensive plan for Saudi Arabia, and the offensive ground plan for the liberation of Kuwait. Theater support command established and sustained the logistical support for the theater.

All Iraqi troops captured by U.S. Forces were the responsibility of this command. In all, ARCENT handled more than 64,000 prisoners of war.

In Kuwait, American assistance to restore power and services was done under ARCENT's auspices.

VII Corps, U.S. Army

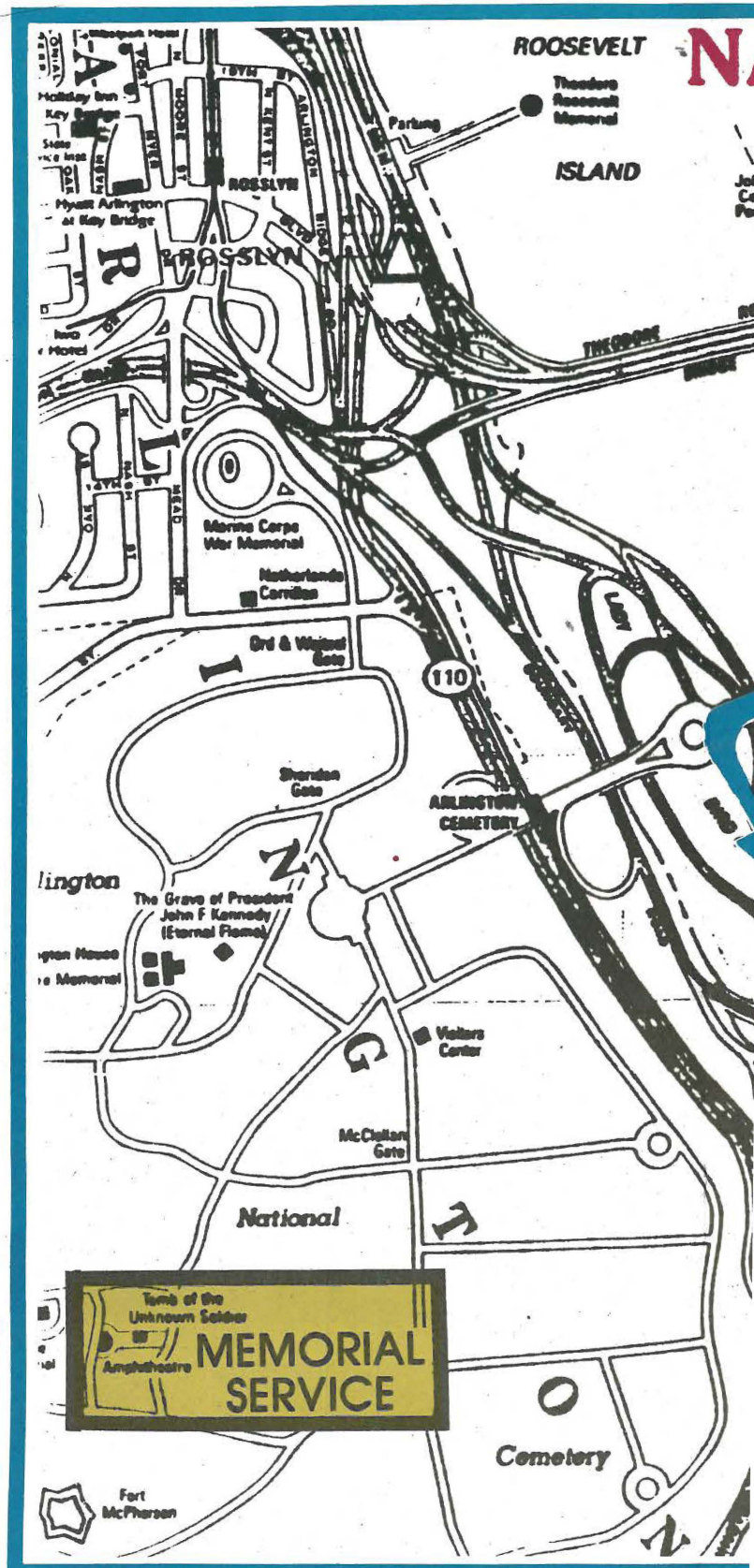


Unit Leader: Lt. Gen. Frederick M. Franks, Jr.
Seventh Corps, based in Germany, began supporting Operation Desert Shield in November 1990.

In Southwest Asia, Seventh Corps was made up of five armored and mechanized infantry divisions, an artillery brigade, an armored cavalry regiment, an aviation brigade, and numerous supporting units.

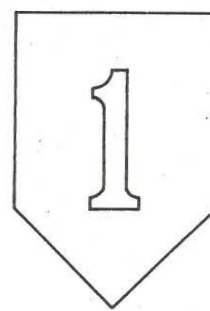
The 145,000-soldier-strong corps attacked Iraqi forces with 1,587 tanks, 1,502 infantry fighting vehicles, 669 artillery pieces, and 223 attack helicopters. On continuous offensive for 90 hours, the Corps fought elements of 11 Iraqi armored and infantry divisions, destroying more than 2,000 tanks, 1,938 armored vehicles, 713 artillery pieces, 658 air defense systems, and 2,893 other vehicles.

More than 16,000 Army National Guard and Army Reserve soldiers augmented Seventh Corps, providing everything from an artillery



brigade to transportation companies and field hospitals.

1st Division, Mechanized Infantry U.S. Army



Unit Leader: Maj. Gen. Thomas G. Rhame
1st Mechanized Infantry Division, Fort Riley, Kansas, and 2nd Armored Division (forward), based near Garlstadt, Germany began supporting Desert Shield in December 1990.

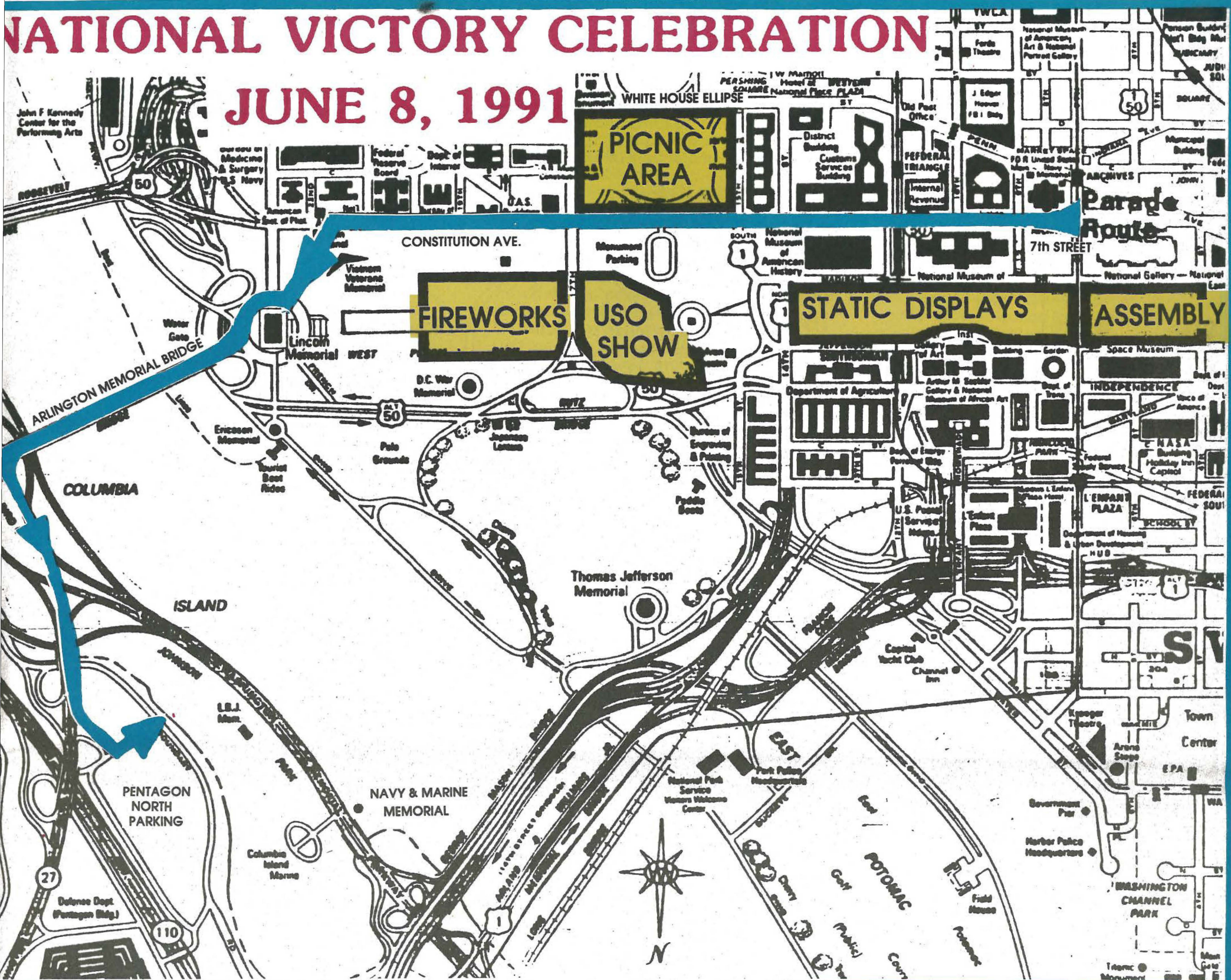
In Desert Storm, this unit led Seventh Corps' right-flank attack against Iraqi forces.

Twelve thousand soldiers deployed from the 1st Infantry Division to Saudi Arabia, where they were joined by 5,000 soldiers of the 2nd Armored Division (forward).

Equipment used included the M1A1 Abrams Tank, the M2A2 Bradley Infantry Fighting Vehicle, the AH-64 Apache Attack Helicopter and 155mm Howitzers.

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The division's artillery units fired an artillery barrage of more than 11,000 rounds just before the start of the ground war. During the war, the division captured more than 11,400 Iraqi soldiers and destroyed more than 500 tanks, 436 armored personnel carriers, 170 artillery pieces and 205 air defense systems.

1st Armored Division, U.S. Army



Unit Leader: Maj. Gen. Ronald H. Griffith
1st Armored Division and elements of the 3rd Infantry Division were both based in Germany.

The 1st Armored Division began supporting Operation Desert Shield in December, 1990.

Including other U.S. Army units assigned to it for operational control, the division had 17,000 soldiers under its command when it took part in Seventh Corps' sweep around the left flank of Iraqi positions in Iraq.

Equipment used included M1A1 Abrams

Tanks, M2A2 Bradley Infantry Fighting Vehicles, AH-64 Apache Attack Helicopters, 155mm Howitzers.

During the war, the 1st Armored Division destroyed 418 Iraqi tanks, 447 armored personnel carriers, 116 artillery pieces, 1,211 trucks and 110 air defense systems.

In all, the 1st Armored Division engaged elements of 14 Iraqi divisions, including three republican guards divisions.

3rd Armored Division, U.S. Army



Unit Leader: Maj. Gen. Jerry R. Rutherford
3rd Armored Division and elements of the 8th Infantry Division, both based in Germany.

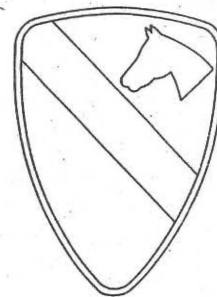
The division began supporting Desert Shield in December 1990.

Its mission in Desert Storm was to support Seventh Corps' advance around the left end of Iraqi positions.

Equipment used included the M1A1 Abrams

Tank, the M2A2 Bradley Infantry Fighting Vehicle, the AH-64 Apache Attack Helicopter, 155mm Howitzers.

1st Cavalry Division, U.S. Army



Unit Leader: Maj. Gen. John H. Tilelli Jr.

1st Cavalry Division and elements of other units of Fort Hood, Texas began supporting Operation Desert Shield in September 1990.

In Desert Storm, the division initially supported 18th Airborne Corps, then Seventh Corps. The division had 17,000 soldiers under its control.

Equipment used included M1A1 Abrams tanks, M2A2 Bradley Infantry Fighting Vehicles, AH-64 Apache Attack helicopters, and 155mm howitzers.

This division was the first unit in VII Corps to engage Iraqi forces. Before the beginning of

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the ground offensive, the division conducted raids and deception operations designed to pin down Iraqi forces near the tri-border area. During one 24-hour period during the ground war, the division moved 155 miles.

XVIII Airborne Corps, U.S. Army



Unit Leader: Lt. Gen. Gary E. Luck
Soldiers of the 18th Airborne Corps are headquartered at Fort Bragg, N.C., adjacent to Fayetteville.

Soldiers of the 18th Airborne Corps began deploying to Saudi Arabia on August 7, 1990. The Corps' was selected because of its unique ability to rapidly deploy a highly versatile, powerful combined arms force.

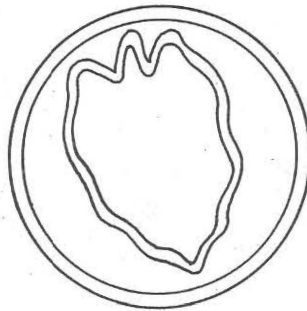
Elements of this corps were the first ground forces into Saudi Arabia. They quickly secured vital airports and seaports that were key to the subsequent deployment of American forces.

At the start of the ground offensive, 18th Airborne Corps had 120,000 soldiers and more than 28,000 vehicles. The Corps' units moved an average of 546 miles in preparation for the ground war. This offensive also marked the first time since World War II that French forces had served under U.S. command, as the

French 6th Light Armored Division was placed under command of the corps.

In 100 hours of combat, the corps drove to the Euphrates River, sealed off the Iraqi Army occupying Kuwait, captured thousands of prisoners, and destroyed the combat effectiveness of major Iraqi formations.

24th Mechanized Infantry Division, U.S. Army



Unit Leader: Maj. Gen. Barry R. McCaffrey
All soldiers of the 24th Mechanized Infantry Division, based at Fort Stewart, Ga., adjacent to the town of Hinesville, and soldiers of the 197th Separate Mechanized Infantry Brigade, based at Fort Benning, Ga., near Columbus.

The 24th Infantry Division was placed on alert on Aug. 7, 1990. The first ship carrying division equipment and soldiers departed from Savannah, Ga., on Aug. 20, 1990. The division was joined in Saudi Arabia by the 197th Mechanized Infantry Brigade.

In Southwest Asia, the division's total combined arms team included 25,000 soldiers in 34 battalions.

This division was the first heavy division in Saudi Arabia. It deployed with 94 helicopters, 1,793 tracked vehicles, and 6,566 wheeled vehicles.

During ground combat, this division moved farther and faster than any other unit in military history — 230 miles in 100 hours.

The division severed Iraqi lines of communications through the Euphrates River Valley and destroyed six Iraqi divisions. It destroyed more than 363 tanks and armored personnel carriers, 314 artillery guns and mortars, and 1,278 trucks. The division captured more than 5,000 prisoners.

82nd Airborne Division, U.S. Army



Unit Leader: Maj. Gen. Henry H. Shelton.
Soldiers of the 82nd Airborne Division are stationed at Fort Bragg, N.C.

Troopers of the 82nd Airborne Division were the first ground forces deployed to Saudi Arabia. They began the deployment only five days after Iraq invaded Kuwait.

The division's initial mission was to secure the International Airport at Dhahran and secure the Port of Jubayl for the arrival of additional forces.

During the ground offensive, the 15,000-soldier division attacked As Salman Airfield on the far western flank of American forces, drove deep into Iraq, and cut off the escape of the Iraqi Republican Guards.

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101st Airborne Division



Unit Leader: Maj. Gen. J.H. Binford Peay, III.
The soldiers of the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) are based at Fort Campbell, Ky.

This division, nicknamed the "Screaming Eagles," had two separate missions during its deployment to the Persian Gulf.

The first mission was to provide a covering force along the Kuwait border as part of the force defending Saudi Arabia.

The second mission was to conduct an attack deep into Iraq to destroy Iraqi forces and cut off lines of communication with Baghdad. Both missions were completely accomplished.

The first shots of Operation Desert Storm were fired by eight of the Division's Apache Helicopters. The destruction of two key early-warning radar sites by the 1st Battalion, 101st Aviation Regiment allowed American, allied, and coalition Air Forces to enter Iraq undetected.

101st Airborne Band

The Screaming Eagles Band deployed to Saudi Arabia with 46 soldiers on September 10, 1990.

During the months leading up to the ground offensive, the band played at the division's base camp and forward operating bases. The band delighted the division's troops with a wide array of rock, country, military, and other types of music.

Army National Guard

Unit Leader: Col. James Darling, Commander of the 196th Field Artillery Brigade, headquartered in Tennessee. The marching element will lead.

The 196th Field Artillery Brigade has units in Tennessee, Kentucky, and West Virginia. The flags of the 50 states and U.S. territories and the Army National Guard soldiers behind them represent all the soldiers of the Army National Guard who served during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

More than 62,000 Army Guardsmen were mobilized under federal control during Desert Shield and Desert Storm. Of these, almost 38,000 deployed to Southwest Asia.

Besides providing artillery support, Army National Guardsmen processed prisoners of war, purified water, transported personnel and equipment, provided medical care, cleared mines, built roads, moved mail, collected intelligence information, and maintained equipment.

Many of these citizen soldiers are still serving in the Persian Gulf, upholding a 353-year-long tradition of service in every conflict in our country's history.

District of Columbia Army National Guard



Unit Leader: Col. Roscoe C. Young Jr., who commanded the 115th Mobile Army Surgical

Hospital in the Persian Gulf.

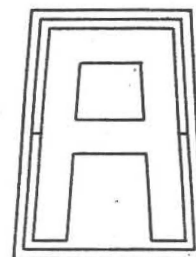
This marching element is comprised of members of the 547th Transportation Company, the 115th Mobile Army Surgical Hospital, and the 372nd Military Police Battalion.

The units served in Saudi Arabia and Iraq during the war. The 547th Transportation Company logged more than 700,000 miles on the road and sustained no casualties.

The 115th MASH received a Certificate of Merit for its outstanding services in support of the 332nd Medical Brigade.

The 372nd Military Police Battalion headquarters deployed 65 personnel to the Gulf. This marked the third wartime deployment of the unit, the others being the first and second World Wars.

First United States Army



Unit Leader: Brig. Gen. Howard T. Mooney, Commander of the 352nd Civil Affairs Command, Riverdale, Maryland.

Members of the First Army were placed on alert in August, 1990. Unit activations and deployments were continuing when hostilities ended.

First Army activated combat, combat support, and combat service support units, including administration units, artillery units,

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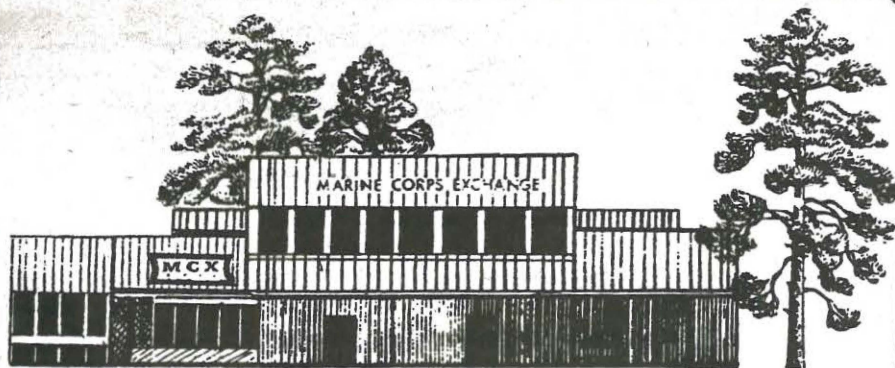
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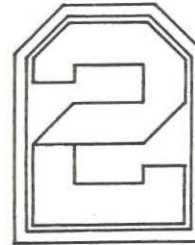
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engineer, legal, medical, water supply, and military police organizations.

More than 22,000 First Army soldiers were activated, serving in the United States, Europe and Southwest Asia.

A First Army unit, the 14th Quartermaster Detachment, suffered more combat casualties than any other single U.S. unit when its barracks was struck by a scud missile.

Second United States Army



Unit Leader: Col. Miller Love, commanding officer of the 360th Civil Affairs Brigade, Columbia, S.C.

This composite unit represents the United States Army Reserve from eight southeastern states, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Second Army is headquartered at Fort Gillem, Georgia.

Second Army began supporting Operation Desert Shield on August 8, 1990.

More than 45,000 Second Army soldiers from 341 units were mobilized. 289 of these units deployed to Southwest Asia.

Nearly 100 second Army units remain on active duty in the United States, Europe, and the Persian Gulf.

Fourth United States Army



Unit Leader: Maj. Gen. Terrence D. Mulcahy

Fourth U.S. Army is headquartered at Fort Sheridan, Ill. Fourth Army supervises the readiness and training of 144,000 reservists and National Guardsmen in a seven-state midwestern area.

Units contributing soldiers to this formation are:

416th Engineer Command, which built more than 2,000 miles of roads and constructed 290 miles of pipeline,

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The 83rd, 123rd, 86th, and 88th Army Reserve Commands, which provided critical support in transportation and services, including maintenance, finance, ammunition-handling, water production, and air ambulance units,

425th Transportation Brigade, which performed long-haul transportation of fuel, water, ammunition, and other supplies.



Fifth United States Army

Unit Leader: Lt. Col. Gene Johnson.

Fifth Army is based at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, and has units in eight South-Central states.

This marching unit represents more than 12,000 reservists from the Fifth Army area called to active duty for operations in Southwest Asia.

The states of the Fifth Army area are Arkansas, Louisiana, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas.

Fifth Army mobilized its first units in August 1990. Fifth Army continued to deploy units through February.

Fifth Army troops provided maintenance, medical care, postal operations, military police, and security forces for prisoner of war camps.

Today, in Turkey, Fifth Army troops are participating in Operation Provide Comfort in support of U.S. efforts to aid Kurdish refugees.

Sixth United States Army



Unit Leader: Col. James C. Martin, commander of the 159th Support Group, a reserve unit based in Helena, Montana.

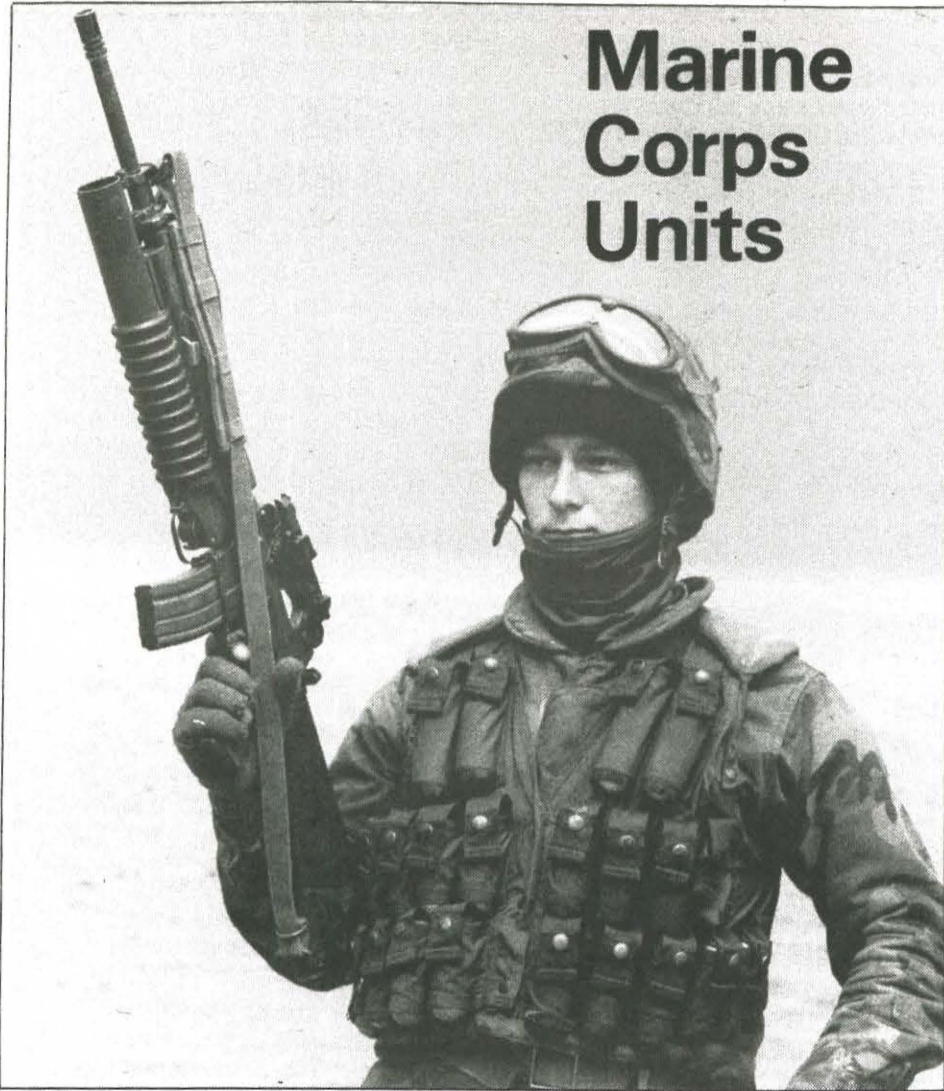
Sixth U.S. Army, headquartered at Presidio of San Francisco, Calif. The Sixth Army commands all U.S. Army Reserve units in 12 Western States, and supervises the training of National Guard Units, from the Dakotas to the Pacific Coast.

Sixth Army began mobilizing troops in support of Desert Shield on Aug. 24, 1990.

During Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, Sixth Army mobilized 120 combat support and combat service support units, providing transportation, supply, and medical services.

Today's marching unit is comprised of soldiers from the Sixth U.S. Army area, representing the 16,000 Sixth Army soldiers who participated in operations in Southwest Asia.

Marine Corps Units



(Pentagram file photo)

Lance Cpl. Charles E. Blevins of Pocohontas, Ark., mans his post in the Kuwaiti desert.

The 1st Marine Expeditionary Force from Camp Pendleton, Calif., assumed operational control of all Marine Forces in Central Command's theater of operations on Sept. 2, 1990. The unit's commander, Lt. Gen. Walter E. Boomer, arrived at Riyadh on Aug. 17.

Desert Storm was the largest operation in the history of the Marine Corps. A total of 24 Marine Infantry Battalions and 40 Marine Squadrons with 21 helicopter and 19 fixed-wing had been committed. The main attack came overland, while the threat from the sea pinned 80,000 Iraqi troops in useless coastal defensive positions.

It was a nightmarish battle - fought against a pall of black smoke from the burning Kuwaiti oil fields - but it was all over in 100 hours. The attack was waged across 12-foot high sand berms, barbed-wire defenses, booby traps and fire trenches, all the while under sporadic attack by Iraqi artillery. These "impenetrable barriers" were quickly breached by the Marine teams.

In the four-day battle, almost the entire Iraqi Army in the Kuwaiti theater of operations had been encircled - a modern day Cannae.

Isolated battles were brief, but sometimes fierce. At an enemy engagement near the Burgan oil fields, an Iraqi tank column advanced so close to a Marine artillery battery that one enemy Multiple launch rocket system was knocked out by a point-blank shot from a Marine 155mm Howitzer. Although the huge howitzer is

normally used to shoot a 100 pound shell at targets 10 - 14 miles away, the gun commander trained his gun directly at the unlucky target less than 800 yards away and fired a crushing bulls-eye.

Marine losses in the ground action were 5 killed and 48 wounded. Marine Aircraft losses for the campaign were 6 Fixed Wing aircraft and 3 helicopters.

As their share of the war, the Marines could claim 1,040 enemy tanks, 608 armored personnel carriers, and 432 artillery pieces destroyed or captured, and at least 20,000 prisoners taken. The amphibious demonstrations successfully held in place some six division - 80,000 Iraqis - along the coast of Kuwait.

Other Marine Corps units included the 1st Force Service Support Group from Camp Pendleton, Calif., commanded by Brig. Gen. James A. Brabham, Jr. Perhaps in no other Marine Corps component did reservists play such a large part as they did within the combat service support element.

These men and women served in many occupational specialties, which were a vital link in the supply system providing food, fuel and ammunition to forward combatants. Over 1,000 women Marines served in Southwest Asia in support of the war.

On 15 January the 1st Force Service Support Group established forward supply bases at Al Meshab and Kuwait while continuing the offload at Al Jubayl.

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The Marines had moved thousands of tons of cargo and millions of gallons of water and fuel to keep the battle going. South bound Logistics traffic concentrated on the evacuation of Iraqi prisoners. As the war waged, the 1st Force Service Support Group pushed supplies forward in support of the offensive, moving thousands of tons of cargo and thousands of gallons of water and fuel by road and airlift during the ground combat. 2d Marine Division

The 2nd Marine Division from Camp Lejeune, N.C., was commanded by Maj. Gen. William M. Keys.

As the 2nd Marine Division positioned itself for the attack it passed to the rear, then moved up as the left flank of 1st Marine Division. To their left was Joint Forces Command North. On Feb. 24 the Marines crossed the line of departure at 5:30 a.m. breaching the Iraqi line. By days' end the 2d Marine Division had engaged an Iraqi armored column coming out of Kuwait City and defeated it, taking 5,000 prisoners.

Their battle continued on 25 February as the Marines attacked north, taking As Abdallya with similar success. The fight raged on Feb. 26 while the Marines took the city of Al Jahra and moved on to take Mutla Ridge, cutting off the

highways that lead in from the north and west to Kuwait City.

The 2d Division on Feb. 27 stayed in the vicinity of Al Jabra forming the bottom half of the box that caught the retreat of the Iraqi main Force, along what became known as the "Highway of Death."

The 5th Marine Expeditionary Brigade from Camp Pendleton, Calif., was commanded by Brig. Gen. Peter J. Rowe. The unit set sail to Southwest Asia on Dec. 1 aboard 13 ships with 7,500 Marines.

The amphibious task forces in the Persian Gulf continued to demand difficult decisions from the Iraqi generals. Because of the threat of an amphibious landing and the uncertainty of where and when it would come, the Iraqis dedicated six divisions, totaling some 80,000 men, to the defense of Kuwait's coastline. In addition they were forced to garrison troops and equipment on Bubyah and Faylaka Islands, both of which commanded key sea approaches to vital areas.

"We wanted the Iraqis to continue to believe that we were going to conduct a massive amphibious operation," Schwarzkopf said. "We wanted Saddam to concentrate his forces on the coastline, which he did."

Nearly 18,000 Marines formed the largest combined amphibious assault force since World War II. The Marines who went ashore

moved to Al Jaber Air Field to assist in prisoner control and stand by as the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force reserve.

The 7th Marine Expeditionary Brigade from Twentynine Palms, Calif., was commanded by Maj. Gen. John I. Hopkins.

No two Marine Expeditionary Brigades are exactly alike in structure; they are task-organized. The size of a brigade can easily vary from 7,000 to 17,000 troops. The 7th Marine Expeditionary Brigade flew to Saudi Arabia on Aug. 12 with nearly 17,000 personnel.

The flight required 250 C-141 transport aircraft sorties to get the brigade in country. On Aug. 20, armed with tanks, howitzers, amphibious assault vehicles, and light armored vehicles the Marine Expeditionary Brigade occupied their initial defensive positions in Northeast Saudi Arabia.

The Marines demonstrated exceptional bravery in breaching the dangerous minefields, at times under sporadic enemy fire. Along the way, Marines took bayonets in hand and quietly probed for mines in the darkness, marking footpaths as they went.

On the morning of the attack, Marines slipped into chemical suits and boots, took their nerve agent pills and began firing up their tracked vehicles and M-60 tanks.

This unit from Camp Lejeune, N.C., is commanded by Maj. Gen. Harry W. Jenkins Jr.

On Aug. 17, with forces drawn from North and South Carolina bases and air stations, the 4th Marine Expeditionary Brigade sailed from Morehead City. The brigade numbered 8,000 and was loaded on five ships.

It proved to be the fastest deployment of an amphibious force this size, with the formation and departure completed within 11 days from the execution order. General Schwarzkopf had decided to keep the 4th Marine Expeditionary Brigade afloat to provide theater flexibility.

In September the first practice raid "Sea Soldier" occurred with the Marine Expeditionary Brigade landing on the beaches of Oman at night. On Feb. 25 the Marines conducted an amphibious demonstration in the vicinity of As Shuaybah.

Then on Feb. 26 they made an amphibious demonstration against Bubiyan and Faylaka islands, which controlled the seaward approaches to Kuwait City. Marine AV-8B Harriers, AH-1 Cobra helicopters and special operations units from the 4th Marine Expeditionary Brigade aided the Arab forces in the east coast drive.

The 1st Marine Division was commanded by Maj. Gen. James M. Myatt.

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1st Marine Division

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The 1st Marine Division landed in Saudi Arabia and moved forward and to the west. On their right flank between the main road leading north and the Persian Gulf was the Joint Forces Command East. On Feb. 24 the first major ground move of the lead campaign began at 4 a.m., when the 1st Marine Division jumped off, punching its way through 2 belts of field fortifications, breached the initial field of anti-tank, anti-personnel and chemical mines in quick time. Live charges were fired by combat engineers to explode the hidden mines, while tank plows cleared safe lanes of passage. By days' end, 1st Marine Division had taken Al Jaber Air Field and the Al Burgan oilfield, claiming 21 enemy tanks destroyed and more than 4,000 prisoners. Next on February 26, the Marines took Kuwait international Airport destroying 250 T-5562 Tanks and more than 70 T-72 Tanks — Even though the 1st Marine Division encountered artillery fire and a mechanized counter attack from T-62 tanks supported by T-55 tanks dug in up to their turrets, the Marine attack proved unstoppable. Unit: 3d Marine Aircraft Wing Unit Leader: MajGen Royal N. Moore, JR Base: El Toro, CA Local Community: Irvine, CA This aviation combat element was composed of helicopter and fixed-wing squadrons. The Corps Heavy lift Helicopter are the CH-53D Sea Stallion and the CH-53E Super Stallion. The Medium lift helicopter the CH-46 Sea Knight and light attack helicopters AH-1W Super Cobra and the UH-1N Huey Gunships. In the fighter-attack role was the FA-18 Hornet. The Corps attack aircraft are the AV-8B Harrier and the A-6E Intruder. The aircraft were supported



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Marines set up camp in a Kuwait City parking lot following the withdrawal of Iraqi troops.

by the KC-130 Hercules refueler and transport aircraft.

Marine pilots averaged more than 50 flight hours a month during "surge" operations and flew up to three sorties a day. Air strikes reduced Iraqis frontline divisions by 50 percent and the second line was lessened to 60 percent. The air campaign also masked the forward movement of the allied ground forces.

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Navy Central Command

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The USS Missouri fires a Tomahawk missile on Jan. 17, 1991, the first day of the allied offensive

Red Sea. Within a few short months, the Navy and Merchant Marines successfully completed the largest strategic sealift of supplies in history. Representing over 95 percent of the transport effort, nearly 250 ships carried more than 18 billion pounds of equipment and supplies. The route they travelled was a historic average distance of 8,500 miles.

The first shots in the liberation of Kuwait were fired from Navy ships in the Persian Gulf and Red Sea when Tomahawk cruise missiles streaked toward Iraqi targets.

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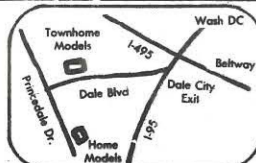
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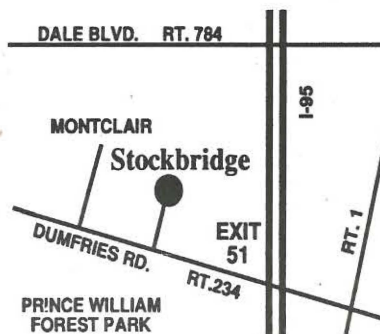
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An Explosive Ordnance Disposal diver investigates a mine floating in the Persian Gulf.

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They sank more than 25 Iraqi ships and disabled many others as they quickly gained total sea control.

Units of the Naval intercept forces also challenged more than 9,200 merchant ships and boarded over 1200 merchant ships during the United Nations embargo. Many ships averaged up to ten challenges a day. This vital effort continues today as U.S. and coalition forces control the sea lanes in a quarter-million square-mile area. The centerpieces of U.S. naval seapower are the battleships, the USS Wisconsin and USS Missouri. With their powerful 16-inch guns they fired more than 1,000 one-ton shells in support of

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Naval Aviation Forces

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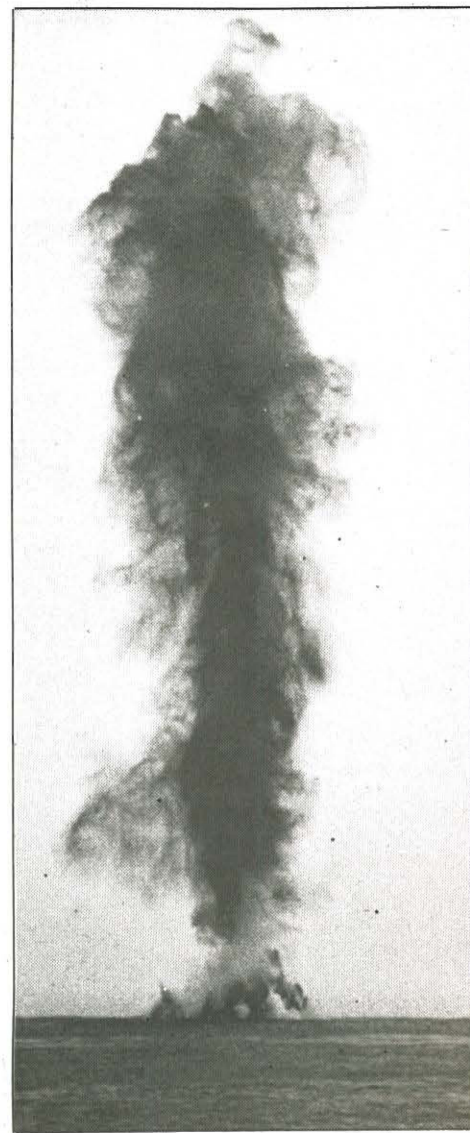
Navy planes A-6 Intruders, FA-18 Hornets, and F-14 Tomcats destroyed Iraqi anti-aircraft radars and helped destroy Saddam's war making machinery. At the start of the air war there were six carrier battle groups in the region: John F. Kennedy, America, Ranger, Midway, Saratoga, and Theodore Roosevelt.

They provided both air defense and strike capability. They allowed the coalition to sever Iraqi supply lines. They destroyed nuclear, biological and chemical weapons facilities. They disabled communications networks and eliminated SCUD missile launchers. Naval aviators were involved with strategic bombing, maritime patrols and close air support for the ground troops. They also conducted search and rescue operations. More than 500 aircraft flew nearly 20,000 sorties as Navy aviators helped the allies rule the skies and control the seas of the Middle East.

Navy Medicine

More than 6,100 active-duty and 9,700 reserve men and women filled a wide range of medical needs during the war. —Fleet Hospital Five, pre-positioned near Diego Garcia in the Indian Ocean,

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A CH-46 Sea Knight helicopter drops supplies on deck of the USNS Comfort during Operation Desert Storm.

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was constructed in the fierce heat of Saudi Arabia's desert sun. They provided 500 hospital beds under the threat of imminent hostilities.

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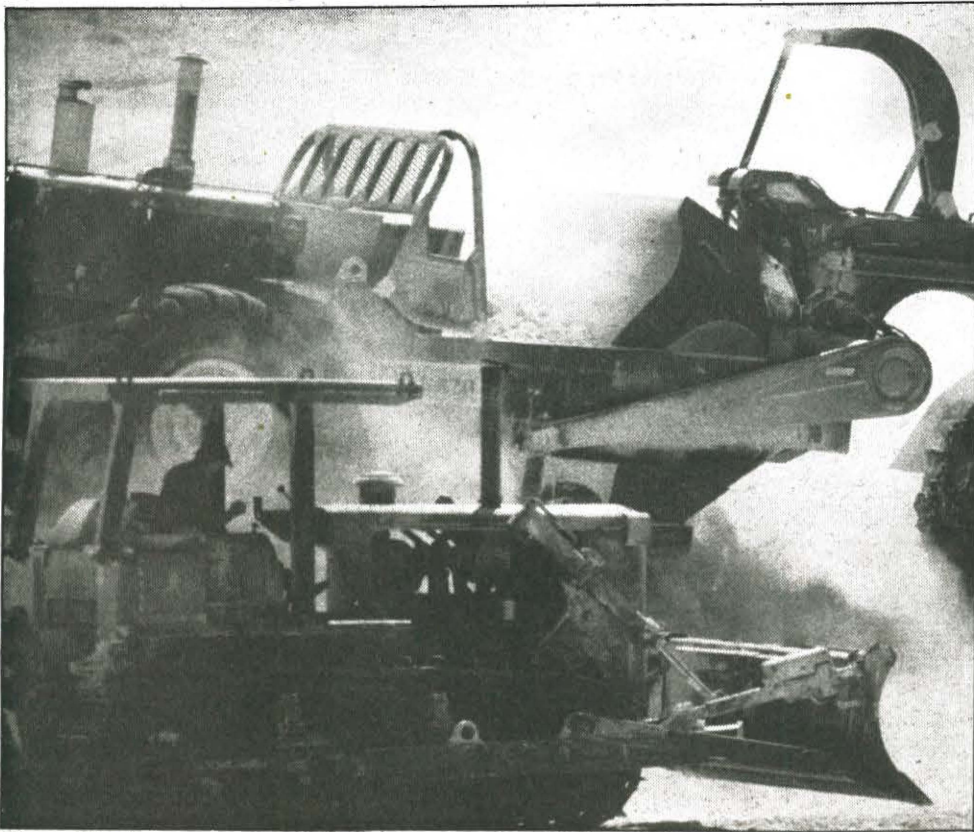
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Navy Seabees operate heavy construction equipment.

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Construction Battalion Forces

The roads and runways, the buildings, the bunkers and tank barriers carved into the sands of the Middle East stand as a monument to Seabee 'Can do' spirit. The construction battalions built the structures that the coalition military forces needed to fight and win the war.

In all, Navy Seabees built 14

chow halls capable of feeding 75,000 people. They built a camp to hold forty thousand prisoners of war. They moved 9 million cubic yards of sand to prepare 6 million square feet of aircraft parking areas. The Seabees built over 4,700 buildings and helped to erect three fleet hospitals. They also maintained and improved 200 miles of unpaved, four-lane desert roads. These roads were the main supply routes for the 'end run' that cut off Iraq's troops in Kuwait.

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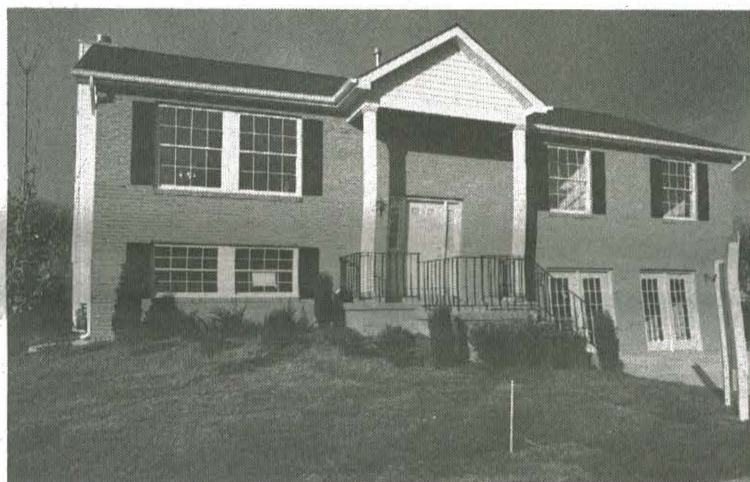
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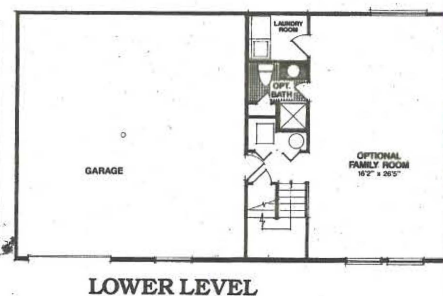
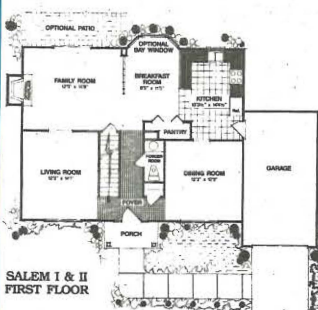
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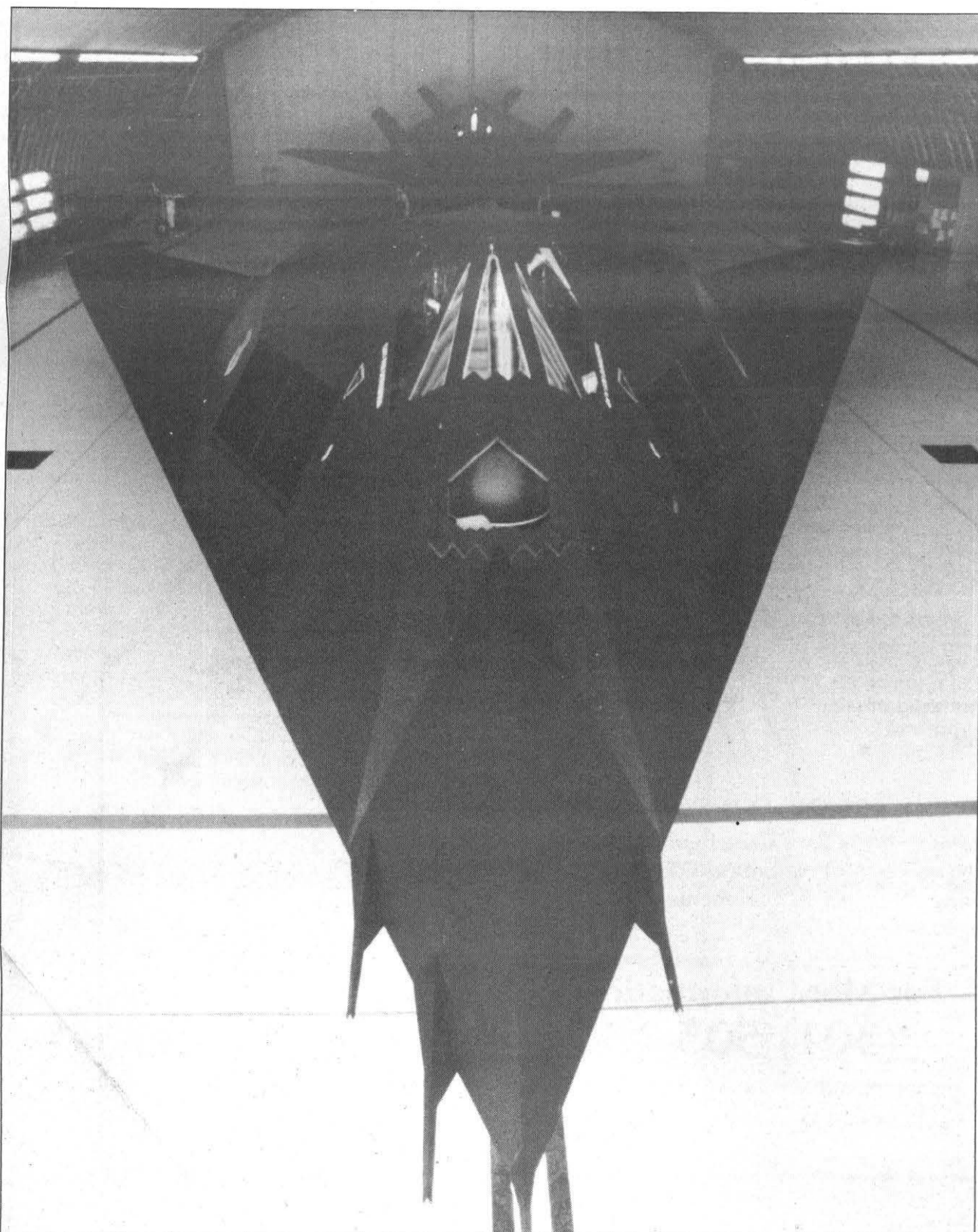
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F-117 Stealth fighter.

(U.S. Air Force photo)

F-117 Stealth Fighter

— The F-117 is the first aircraft to combine stealth technology with precision weapons delivery. With the use of tactical surprise, the F-117 helped assure air superiority over the Iraqi skies by destroying military command and control bunkers, Iraqi aircraft shelters, and valuable strategic targets in Baghdad and Iraq.

— Accompanying the Stealth fighter is pilot Capt Marcel Kerdauid from the 415th Tactical Fighter Squadron and Crew Chief Senior Airman Micheal Privette from the 415th Aircraft Maintenance Unit. They represent the men and women who flew and maintained the F-117 during Operation Desert Shield.

— Before CNN's initial reports of the air war over Baghdad, the F-117 was a stellar performer. Dropping the first bomb of the war on an air defense control center, the F-117 provided us the advantage of surprise.

— Often the Iraqis would not start shooting until the bombs exploded. With the ability to cruise to the target, identify it before surface threats became active, and hit it with precision, the F-117 was an extraordinary fighter-bomber. Although it represented only 2.5 percent of the shooters in theater that first day, it hit over 31 percent of the targets.

— The F-117 flew almost 1300 combat sorties, dropped over 2,000 tons of bombs, flew over 6,900 hours and was never touched by enemy fire, even though Baghdad had the heaviest air defenses of any city in history.

14th Provisional Air Division

— The fighter attack forces were at the heart of Desert Storm's six-week air war. The fighter aircrews gained air superiority, destroyed Iraq's military capability, and provided air cover in support of surface operations.

In the course of the conflict, they flew nearly 36,000 sorties; 55 percent of the coalition's total. These airmen destroyed the sixth largest air force in the world in a matter of days. They shot down 35 aircraft and destroyed more than 200 on the ground, eliminating any threat to coalition forces from the air.

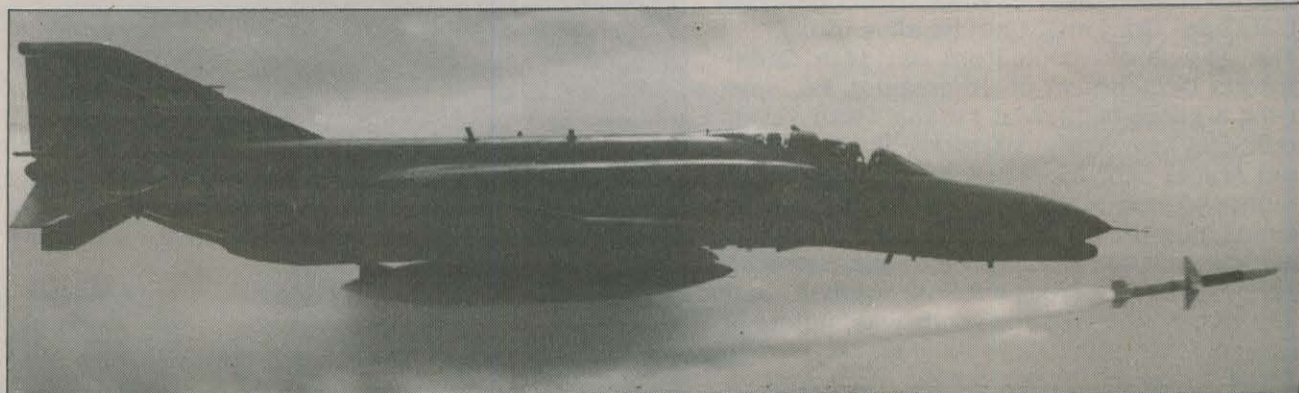
— For the first time in history, our Air Force combined revolutionary technologies -stealth and precision guided munitions -with unprecedented readiness to decimate Iraq's military infrastructure, knocking out Iraq's nuclear, chemical, and biological production and storage facilities; 50 bridges; and 75 maintenance depots.



15th Provisional Air Division

— These forces provided essential support for air and ground operations. These men and women and their high tech systems were pivotal to the campaign's resounding success. They were the coalition commander's eyes and ears on the battlefield.

— The F-4G Phantom, EF-111 raven, and EC-130 compass call created an electronic maelstrom over Iraq. They blinded and destroyed Iraqi radars and communications, wreaking havoc on the enemy and rendering the Iraqi air defense system useless.



An F-4 Wild Weasel fires upon an enemy target

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The Tactical Air Command Band

— Since its formation in November, 1941 at Langley Air Force Base, Va., the Tactical Air Command Band has been recognized as a world calibre musical organization, representing the finest Air Force band in the world.

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16th Provisional Air Division

The mission of this unit, which began operations on Aug. 7, was to transport troops and equipment to the theater of operations, to provide intratheater airlift, resupply, airfield management, aeromedical airlift, rescue, audiovisual services, and weather forecasts.

The Air Division also provided medical personnel to man an extensive medical care network in theater, Europe and stateside. Military Airlift Command deployed more than thirty two thousand personnel, a large number of those being from the more than 19,800 Military Airlift Command Guardsmen and Reservists who had been called to active duty.

— Equipment used included C-5 Galaxies, C-141 Starlifters, C-130 Hercules, C-9 Nightingales, C-21, C-12 Hurons and aircraft of the Civil Reserve Air Fleet. The first aircraft into Saudi Arabia were Military Airlift Command C-141 Starlifters taking the first troops and equipment to Operation Desert Shield. It marked the beginning of the most massive airlift ever which saw Military Airlift Command surpass the ton-mile mark of the Berlin Airlift in just six weeks.

As of May 28, the Military Airlift Command had flown more than 24,000 missions, hauling more than 500,000 and 1.3 billion pounds of cargo to the Gulf and back. At the height of operations, Military Airlift Command was flying 124 aircraft a day into the theater. Inside the theater of operations, C-130s flew more than ten thousand missions in the first five months, carrying more than 86,000 people and 110,000

tons of cargo. During the operation the C-130s surpassed 80,000 accident-free flying hours.

— They delivered the mail — more than 300 tons a day during the Christmas rush — to the troops serving in the Gulf. When the lack of critical spare parts became a problem for frontline units operating in theater, Military Airlift Command established Desert Express, an overnight delivery system from Charleston AFB, S.C., to the theater of operations. The system was so successful that parts could be delivered from manufacturing plants in the United States to the user in less than 48 hours.

17th Provisional Air Division

— During Operation Desert Storm, the command was the primary unit for heavy, high-altitude bombing; air refueling; and reconnaissance.

Nearly 16,000 people from the command deployed for Operation Desert Storm. Aircraft deployed in support of operations include the B-52, KC-135, KC-10, U-2, TR-1, and RC-135.

As the world's primary air refueling tanker force, Strategic Air Command provided more than 76 thousand air-to-air refuelings from the beginning of the deployment, and is still providing this support as the last of the troops return.

Strategic Air Command's B-52 bombers were the first to take off in the initial strike against Iraqi forces on January 16, flying the longest missions of Desert Storm.

These B-52s delivered, pound for pound, approximately one third of the total coalition bombing effort. The B-52 crews flew missions averaging 15 hours long, striking targets ranging from wide-area troop concentrations, fixed installations and bunkers, to decimating the morale of the Republican Guard, thus paving the way for ground forces to pour into Southern Kuwait.

The Strategic Air Command reconnaissance force was characterized best by General Schwarzkopf when he spoke of his ability to "see the battlefield." Their reconnaissance missions resulted in more than 40,000 "pictures" and 60,000 charts and maps.



An Air Force crew chief marshals a C-130 Hercules off to another dirt takeoff

(U.S. Air Force photo)

Terror in the Night

Reservists recount horror of Scud attack

by Patrick Swan
Army News Service

But for his aversion to mice, Army Reserve Sgt. Michael Trout might not be alive today.

The 21-year-old cook from the 14th Quartermaster Detachment of Greensburg, Pa., was playing a game of "Trivial Pursuit" with seven buddies in an Army barracks in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia Feb. 25. When someone spotted a mouse, Trout moved to get away from it. Seconds later the air raid sirens blasted and an Iraqi Scud missile slammed into the barracks warehouse. Six of Trout's fellow soldiers died at the game table. The seventh was seriously wounded.

Trout sustained burns on his right foot, a lacerated thigh, a sprained wrist, shrapnel in his knee, and he needed stitches on a finger and his upper chest area. The shock of the explosion also perforated his eardrums. But he lived. A total of 14 of his unit's soldiers did not.

"If I had stayed at the game I don't think I would have made it," Trout said. "I later learned that the area near my cot was destroyed, so if I'd been sleeping..."

The newly married soldier's pain was compounded when he was told that both his best man and his wife's maid of honor died in the attack. Trout had only been married Feb. 2. He and his unit had been in Saudi Arabia a mere six days when the devastation occurred.

"Our troops were anxious to get on with their water purification mission," he said. "But we had to get used to the terrain, culture and time difference so we were put up in that barracks in Dhahran. We were assigned guard duty, but unfortunately, we weren't on duty when the Scud hit. Instead, everything was perfect for a catastrophe."

"We all knew the drill," Trout said. "When the sirens go off, we don our protective masks, shout 'Gas!' and take cover. We'd already done it dozens of times. This time, though, we only had about five seconds to react."

The five seconds was not enough time. In fact, as fellow cook Sgt. Lois Abretske recalled, she didn't read more than four words from a book she held before the roof caved in. She suffered shrapnel wounds to her arms and a leg and perforated ear drums. The 14 and one-half year veteran lost two female friends who were nearby.

"No one thought we could be hit because we were in the rear and we had the Patriot missile batteries that had been knocking out countless Scuds," Abretske said. "This time it was different."

She said the 14th Quartermaster Detachment was such a close-knit unit that she was afraid to ask about her friends. The 35-year-old switchboard operator from North Huntingdon, Pa., said she garnered news indirectly from each hospital she was taken to.

"I'd hear how different people were doing and saw others in person," she said. "Those I didn't hear anything about made me fear for the worst." Finally, she learned the truth when her mother told her by telephone about the funerals she'd attended for the victims. "It is so hard to take," Abretske said.

For the 14th Quartermaster Detachment's commanding officer, 1st Lt. Paul Lombardi, the hardest part to take was not knowing where his soldiers were. Lombardi, 26, who assumed command of the unit one day before its deployment, was hit like almost everyone else.



U.S. Army Reserve barracks following a scud missile attack.

(U.S. Army photo)

Besides shrapnel wounds, he suffers vision problems.

"We were all together in this," Lombardi said. "Enlisted and officers, males and females, we all bunked together, each cot side by side to the next. I was speaking with our first sergeant. The next thing I remember, I was thrown through a wall that had collapsed."

Because Lombardi was wounded, he couldn't keep track of his soldiers.

"That is the worst feeling for a commander because you want to take care of your troops," he said. Out of 69 soldiers assigned, more than 38 were injured in addition to the 14 deaths. Lombardi said he has been able to talk to about 30 of his soldiers so far. His executive officer, who had completed his officer basic course a few days before deployment, is the acting commander.

"I'm proud of how everyone handled the situation," Lombardi said. Struggling with his own injuries, as were most soldiers on the scene, Lombardi recounted how they helped pull the wounded and dead out of the rubble in about 10 minutes before being themselves taken away for medical treatment.

"Our unit had just received training at Fort Lee, Va., on how to apply pressure bandages," Lombardi said. "Unfortunately, our sergeant who trained us did not survive to see how professionally we performed."

Lombardi, Abretske and Trout are all resting at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C. They are slowly being reunited with their Reserve comrades who are arriving from Germany.

On March 6, the Army Chief of Staff, Gen. Carl Vuono, arrived to pin on their Purple Heart medals. It boosted the spirits of Lombardi, who said it was nice to see the medals given out. And Abretske, who had received hers in Saudi Arabia, said she was proud to see her "guys" getting it anyway.

It moved Trout in another way.

"I'd rather take my friends I lost and give the medal back," he said. (ARNEWS)



(U.S. Army photo)

Sgt. Michael Trout catches up on his reading upon his return to the states.

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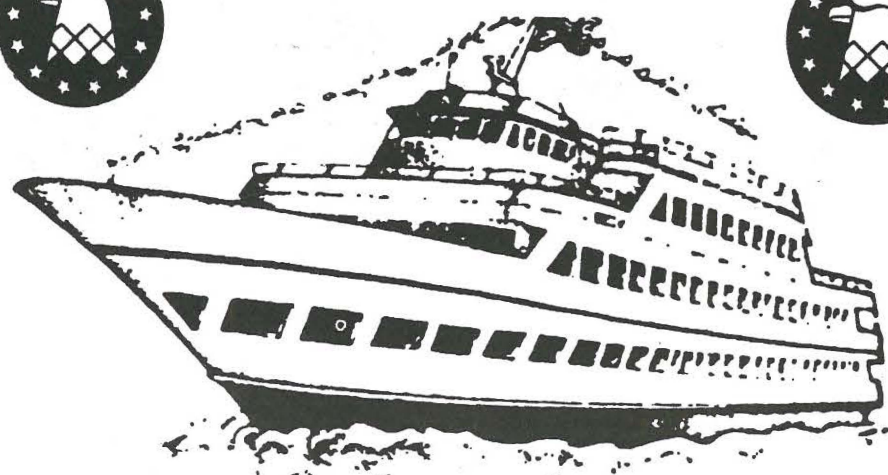
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An F-16 like the one flown by Capt. William Andrews is in the center of this formation.

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Stages of war: F-16 pilot to POW, then return to Andrews AFB

Editor's note: Capt. William Andrews, Hahn AB, Germany, was deployed to the 363rd Tactical Fighter Wing supporting Operation Desert Storm. His F-16 was shot down and he was taken as a prisoner of war. He recently was at Andrews AFB, Md., for surgery on his right leg, which he injured after ejecting from his F-16.

by Sgt. Michael Leonard
Andrews AFB PAO

ANDREWS AFB, Md. — Flying lead on a four-ship F-16 mission, searching for Iraqi armored units on the move was getting to be old hat for Capt. Williams Andrews.

But this, his 35th mission, would be different...very different.

As he and his wingman dropped below the clouds to look for Iraqi ground troops, the captain as hit by what he believes was an infrared surface-to-air missile.

"It hit my plane very violently, throwing it out of control almost immediately," Captain Andrews said.

The captain didn't wait around to take inventory. He closed his eyes, pulled the ejection handle and didn't open his eyes until the parachute opened.

"A lot of pilots wonder, 'Will I bail out when it's time?' My instincts and training took over right away and I knew what to do the second it happened. If I had hesitated at all, I believe I wouldn't have survived," he said.

The captain talked to other flight members on his radio as he parachuted to the ground, telling them where he was. He kept in contact after he hit the ground but almost immediately some soldiers came to take him prisoner.

"As they got within 20 feet, I saw some other forces launch SAMs at my flight, so I grabbed my radio and instructed my flight to use countermeasures to avoid getting hit. My wingman responded and didn't get hit."

Upon seeing him use the radio, the Iraqi soldiers opened fire. He dropped the radio and they blew it to pieces with their AK-47 rifles.

During the ejection or after he hit the ground, Captain Andrews broke his right leg in two places below the knee. The soldiers helped him make some splints for his injured leg. Then, with Captain Andrews prisoner, they got back on the road.

Later, as they drove along, the vehicle they were transporting him in stalled. Shortly afterward, some cluster bombs went off about 1,000 feet ahead of them.

"I was lucky the vehicle broke down when it did. I wouldn't be surprised if somebody was



(U.S. Air Force photo by Sgt. Michael C. Leonard, Capital Flyer)

Capt. William Andrews, a former POW, reclines during interview at Andrews AFB.

trying to drop bombs on the vehicle I was in," he said.

"Just to see the coalition fire power was awesome — I've always wondered what it was like, but I didn't need that close of a demonstration."

Shortly after he was captured, his captors had to pull out quickly in the night. He used that opportunity to hide, and the Iraqis left him behind. He was on his own his first night in the desert.

"I hoped to stay hidden until some coalition forces could come liberate me," he said. Unfortunately, the next day some Iraqi soldiers arrived and seemed to be systematically searching for Iraqi stragglers or deserters and they found the captain.

The captain was finally interrogated three days later when he reached Baghdad. The troops he encountered along the way didn't torture him, but that all changed when he got to Baghdad.

"They slapped my injured leg around a little and slapped me about the head and shoulders with something that felt like a hammer to try to get answers out of me," he said.

As if physical torture wasn't bad enough, Captain Andrews was confined in a 10-by-10-foot concrete-walled cell. There were lights in each cell, but none of them worked because

the electricity was out in Baghdad. The light he could get came through a small slit in his cell was about 8 feet off the ground.

"I would prop myself up and let the sun hit my face to cheer me up. It usually lasted for about 30 minutes," he said. When the 30 minutes were up, he sustained himself by reflecting on the strong support of the American people.

"Before I was shot down, I felt a lot of support from the American people. They sent letters and packages addressed to 'any service-member.' We were very aware of the yellow ribbons and flags that were flying and that really kept our morale sky high," he said.

There were bars on the cell door, but a blanket was draped across it to keep him from looking at other POWs.

He slept on the floor on some foam rubber with only two blankets to keep him warm. When he talked, he did so quietly because the guards didn't want the POWs to talk to each other.

Communication with the Iraqis wasn't any easier. Only about one in 10 spoke English. He mostly used hand signals or gestures to communicate with them. "A thumbs up meant good, thumbs down, bad," he said.

"I was curious to see if his (Saddam's) people really supported him, so I asked them and more than half gave a thumbs up. Maybe about a third didn't want to give me an answer at all," he said.

The guards told the POWs that they wouldn't be there long. In the early morning of March 4, some Red Cross people came down and took three of the eight POWs away. "We still weren't allowed to talk, but we could hear what sounded like French in the hallway," the captain said.

"Almost 24 hours later, our guards came and opened all of our cell doors and put us on a bus. Eventually, we were turned over to the Red Cross."

The captain finally received full medical attention from coalition forces after the cease-fire. He was taken to the USS Mercy medical ship and was given extensive medical care. He ended up having his own doctor.

"A lot of orthopedic doctors took a look at my leg and gave me the best medical care anyone could give," he said. They held off surgery until they got him back in the states.

"The care I received on the Mercy, in the Middle East and here at Malcolm Grow has been fantastic.

"I'll be toting around an extra 2 pounds of metal in my leg, but hopefully I'll be able to get back up flying pretty soon," he said.

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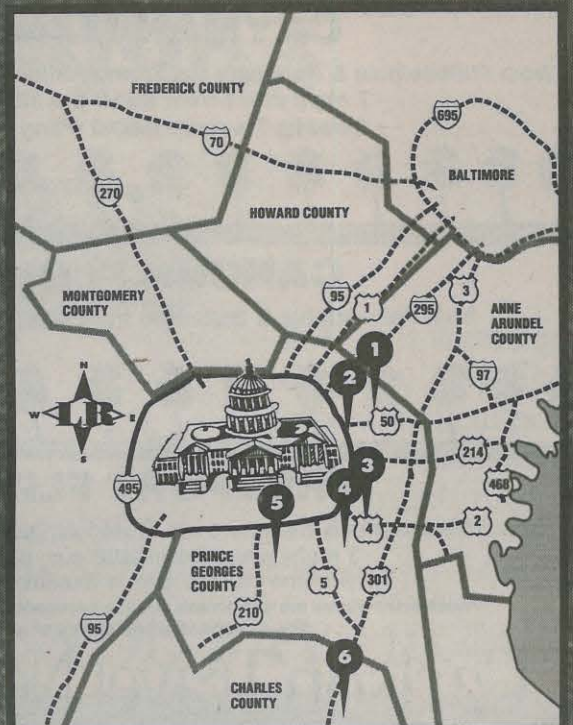
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seas. In all, five full units of 100 men and women each were deployed to the Persian Gulf ports.

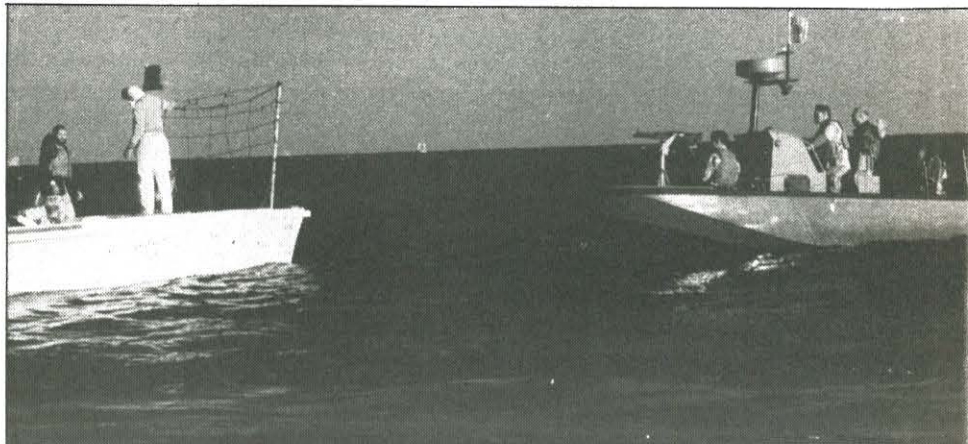
In addition to the Port Security units deployed in the Persian Gulf, Coast Guard Reserve units, stationed in ports across the United States, were activated to supervise the safe loading of the equipment and munitions for the tremendous military sealift that supplied the forces in the Persian Gulf.

Coast Guard Composite

Leader: Capt. Frederick N. Wilder

The United States Coast Guard, known as the "Guardians of the Sea," has contributed its expertise in maritime law enforcement and environmental protection to Operation Desert Storm.

On Aug. 17th the Secretary of Transportation and Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard committed Coast Guard boarding teams to Operation Desert Shield upon request by the Joint Chiefs of Staff. — These boarding teams, called Maritime Interdiction Forces, utilized their experience from the war on drugs to aid the embargo and blockade of Iraq in support of the U.N. Security Council's resolutions. Embarked on naval vessels they interdicted and boarded merchant vessels as well as instructed allied naval crews in intervention techniques. Hundreds



(photo courtesy Joint Combat Camera Team)

Coast Guard boat approaches unidentified vessel in Gulf waters.

of vessels were boarded and the U.N. resolution was successfully enforced.

After Saddam's oil spill act of eco-terrorism, the administration determined the Coast Guard would head up an interagency team to assist the Persian Gulf regional governments in oil assessment and planning. — Two Coast Guard Falcon Jets from Air Station Cape Cod, equipped with Aircye technology and accompanied by two C-130 air craft from Air Station Clearwater, were deployed to Saudi Arabia for interagency oil spill and provided expertise and technical assistance to minimize the spill's environmental damage.

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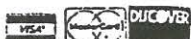


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